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Reflections of a Quilt weekend

by Bob Roehr

hey arrive soon after dawn, these volunteers dressed in white. The sun slants low, barely over Washington, DC's Capitol Building; the grass is still wet with dew. Quietly, solemnly, with the precision of a drill team, circles of eight unfold, turn, and place each segment of The Quilt upon its assigned plot. Then they move on to the next. Within minutes the Mall, crossed with black plastic walkways, has bloomed with the joyous colors and silent tears of 70,000 dead. They stretch a dozen blocks, from the foot of

Within minutes the Mall, crossed with black plastic walkways, has bloomed with the joyous colors and silent tears of 70,000 dead. They stretch a dozen blocks, from the foot of the Capitol to the Washington Monument. They fill the vast open space from one side to the other. And under the trees with each passing hour, the number of new panels brought to this holy shrine continue to swell.

The numbers numb your brain. It is a sea of people wandering like lost souls amidst the colorful plots. It is too much to comprehend, like the billions of the national debt, and it loses some of its sting.

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Then your eye falls to one panel, a stranger from a city you have never visited, and you read the dates of his life, and find that he was younger than you are, but is no more. And you learn that he was passionate for basketball, or theater, or his partner Jerry. And your chest tightens, and your eyes well

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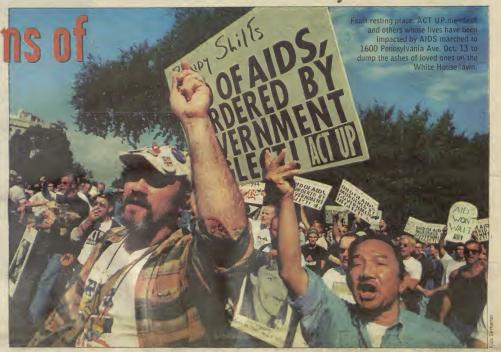
Hew sex club legislation proposed

by Liz Highleyman

he San Francisco Board of Supervisors will soon consider legislation regulating commercial sex clubs and public sex parties. The proposed legislation is the outgrowth of nearly two years of work by the Coalition for Healthy Sex (CSH) – a group of sex club operators and prevention workers from local AIDS agencies – and representatives of the Department of Public Health (DPH)

cies – and representatives of the Department of Public Health (DPH). According to Mike Housh of Supervisor Tom Ammiano's office, the draft legislation is in the final stages of review by the city attorney; Ammiano has been instrumental in the creation of the new regulations. Dr. Mitchell Katz, the DPH Director of Epidemiol-

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Oakland joins other Bay cities in recognizing domestic partners

by Cynthia Laird

akland's first couple to register as domestic partners on Wednesday, October 9, was a lesbian pair who have been together seven years, both of whom said it felt good to have their relationship recognized by one of the more diverse cities in the Bay Area.

Colleen Clay and Karen Vernon arrived at the City Clerk's Office at about 4 p.m. last Wednesday, the first day of domestic partnership registration in Oakland. As they dutifully completed an affidavit and paid the \$35 registration fee, they said they hadn't expected to be the first couple to sign up.

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"It's really exciting," Vernon said, adding the couple had a commitment ceremony about two years ago. "This made me feel

good."

good."

In all, about ten couples showed up on Wednesday to become the city's first domestic partners. None of them seemed to mind the glare of television news camera lights, the microphones, or reporters scurrying up to get their comments on this historic day in Oakland.

In June, the Oakland City Council unanimously passed a resolution to establish do-

In June, the Oakland City Council unanimously passed a resolution to establish domestic partner registration in Oakland. Last week, city officials went out of their way to explain the simple process and to stress they want people to feel good about coming to

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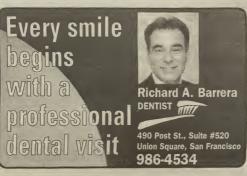


No seven-year itch: Longtime lesbian lovers Karen Vernon (left) and Colleen Clay (right) became Oakland's first registered domestic partners Oct. 9.

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PWA's accountant, family sued for treatment of lover

by Dennis Conkin

gay Marin County man whose life partner's dying promise was brutally bro-ken has filed a breach of contract and malpractice lawsuit against the lover's \$15 million estate and an Alabama accountant.

The September 25 lawsuit was filed by attorney Robert Lazo of the Law Offices of Paul Wotman, on behalf of Muir Beach resident Erich Richter, whose domestic partner Michael J. Wilburn died of

AIDS last May.
Richter and Wilburn had lived together for more than ten years, considered themselves married, and treated their income and possessions as joint property, according to the lawsuit.

Wilburn had also assured

Richter that Alabama accountant Fred Pepper had been instructed to properly handle his financial affairs

properly handle his financial affairs to provide for Richter after he died. "He was so sure. He assured me it was all taken care of. He trusted Fred and gave him full power of attorney," Richter said.

Although Wilburn's last words to Richter were, "Don't worry, you're going to be okay," according to the lawsuit, just weeks after he died, Wilburn's surviving relatives took possession of the entire estate

died, Wilburn's surviving relatives took possession of the entire estate and property – including real estate, personal property, and cash assets the couple shared.

The relatives were "really sweet to me" while Wilburn was alive, Richter told the Bay Area Reporter. "But a week prior to Mike's death, everything changed. A couple of them were real opportunists and took advantage of the situation while Mike was in the hospital," he while Mike was in the hospital," he

After his lover died, Richter said, Wilburn's relatives conduct-ed a gruesome scavenge through the couple's property without his consent – rifling through paper-work and personal items and wrongfully seizing assets and property without discussion.

Earnings, savings, debts...

The bulk of Wilburn's estate, valued at more than \$15 million, came from wrongful death law-suits and life insurance death bensetts and the instance death ori-efits received in the late 1980s to settle a tragic 1985 accident in which Wilburn's parents and sib-lings died of carbon monoxide poisoning due to a defective heater in their Alabama home



Erich Richter

According to the civil claim, Richter took care of Wilburn and the couple's household in the af-termath of the tragedy. He also gave up his management level job in a bank and a cleaning business he owned in support of his partner when the couple moved from the Los Angeles area to Limestone County, Alabama in 1986 to settle the Wilburn's family affairs after the accident.

According to attorney Wot-man, the couple's stay in Alabama was short-lived because of antigay violence and harassment. The couple eventually moved to Gaitlinburg, Tennessee, where they bought a house that included studio space for Richter, who is a talented jeweler.

talented jeweler.

According to the lawsuit, the couple learned that they were both suffering from HIV infection in 1991 – but because of their financial agreements, Wilburn promised Richter that his future francial and realizable and welfalls. financial and medical needs would be provided for, as they had been in the past, and said Richter "would never want for anything."

The couple moved to Muir Beach, California in 1993, selected a home, paid for it in cash, and ala nome, paid for it in east, and ar-though it was purchased in Wilburn's name, "understood that it was their joint property," the suit alleges. The couple maintained a household and routinely consulted each other about financial and

art investments.
Wilburn grew increasingly sick, so Richter quit his San Francisco job as a jeweler in 1995 to care for his ailing lover, run the household, and accompany Wilburn on trips to medical facilities and physicians around the country for treatment.

'Plaintiff lost substantial earnings, depleted his savings, and in-curred personal debts to support Mr. Wilburn," the suit claims

'The hardest part'

Although the couple had dis-cussed the fact that Wilburn's 1987 will didn't reflect his current wishes, Richter said that Wilburn believed the necessary documents had been executed by Pepper to fulfill their agreements.

The lawsuit alleges that on least two occasions Wilburn had instructed Athens, Alabama accountant William "Billy" Fred Pepper to provide for Richter's medical and living expenses following his death.

death.

Pepper (who Richter says is a homophobic Christian and once allegedly expressed disdain "for even touching the envelope" of a letter from Richter) didn't appropriately handle Wilburn's wishes or needs the significant substitute of the same of the sam

needs, the civil complaint alleges.

"He was responsible for carrying out a living trust for the estate,
but he just didn't do it. If he'd done
his job, this wouldn't have happened. The weirdest part is that they seized my home," Richter said. After quitting his job to care for

his lover – and being thrown out of his home and left without fior ins nome and left without financial support, despite the couple's plans – Richter has recently obtained employment, but says the emotional and economic upheaval related to his lover's death and the seizure of the estate have "been a little rough."

He told the B.A.R., "That's the hardest part Louit my light to the Bradest part.

He told the B.A.R., "I hat's the hardest part. I quit my job to take care of Mike, and now I'm trying to re-start my jewelry business."

Now employed at a small San Francisco studio, Richter said he's

fortunate because some old clients are again starting to call.

"We're coming into the retailer's Christmas period, but it's been a little lean," he said.

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Wilburn leaves three estates –
in California, Alabama, and Tennessee – all represented by Pepper.
The California estate is defended by the San Francisco law firm of Tobin and Tobin.

Wotman said the case points out the very real discrimination and economic disadvantages faced by gay couples and surviving spouses in gay relationships, be-cause they are not allowed to legal-ly marry and do not receive the same legal and financial protections as heterosexual couples and surviving marriage partners.

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Lesbian 'Legacy' to hold third annual tea dance benefit Saturday

by Cynthia Laird

n Uncommon Legacy Foundation, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing funds to agencies and projects that improve the visibility and well-being of lesbians, is having its third annual Tea Dance and Silent Auction event this Saturday, October 19 in

event this Saturday, October 17 in San Francisco. Leslie Lewis, co-chair for the tea dance, said the event is an im-portant fundraiser for the organization, so that Legacy can provide money for scholarships and

Last year over 200 women and men were at the fall event, and ap-proximately \$30,000 was raised.

proximately \$30,000 was raised. Half of that was given to Bay Area organizations and scholarships. This year, Ayse Manyas Kenmore and Robert H. Kenmore will be honored at the event for their outstanding support of the foundation.

The vision for Legacy started in 1990, when Vivian Shapiro felt that lesbians' efforts in the gay community were viewed as less important and lesbian issues were seen as less urgent, mainly be-cause lesbians didn't measure up cause resonans adm i measure up to the economic contributions of men. Therefore, she believed, if women could be energized to do-nate more money, then they could wield more power and effect so-cial and political change.

Since 1990, Legacy has distrib-



Avse Manyas Kenmore

uted \$183,950 in grants to organizations in several states. Additionally, \$49,000 has been awarded in scholarship funds.

scholarship funds.

The foundation's long-range goal is to raise an endowment yielding \$10 million by the year 2000, to continue funding projects into the future.

Legacy provides scholarships to out lesbian students at both the to out lesbian students at both the undergraduate and graduate level. The foundation also awards grants to fund projects that ad-dress the social, cultural, health, and educational needs of lesbians. This year's Legacy grant bene-ficiaries include the National Les-bian Immigration Project of the National Center for Lesbian

National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR); the "Overcoming

System" project of the Lesbian and Gay Parents Association; the Lesbian Domestic Violence Pro-Lesbian Domestic Violence Project of WOMAN, Inc.; the Asian Pacific Sisters Visibility and Development Project of the Asian Pacific Sisters/Lesbian and Bisexual Network; the Parenting Program of Lyon-Martin Health Services; and the Longitudinal Lesbian Earnity Study.

vices; and the Longitudinal Les-bian Family Study.
Scholarships are being award-ed to Nielan Barnes, an MA can-didate at University of California, San Diego; Diane Blanchard, a BA candidate at the University of Hawaii; Julian B. Carter, a Ph.D. candidate at University of Califor-nia, Irvine; Madeliene Lim, a BA candidate at San Francisco State candidate at San Francisco State University; Coleen Maheu, a BA candidate at University of Califorcandidate at University of California, Santa Cruz; and Tamara Michels, a BA candidate at a California University.

Tickets for the Tea Dance and Silent Auction start at \$100 per person. ▼

The event takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room at the Fairmont Hotel, 950 Mason Street. For more information call (415) 864-8523.

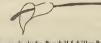
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Buena Vista sex-robbery suspect faces new charges

by Dennis Conkin

ix additional felony counts of grand theft have been added to the 18 criminal charges already filed against Jeffrey March, the man accused of using sex to lure gay victims into seclud-ed areas of Buena Vista Park, and

them stealing from them.

In one case, when a victim confronted March, the alleged assailant broke the man's fingers so badly that they had to be surgicalhas the with metal pins. The victim has required extensive physical therapy for the painful injuries.

March's alleged crimes were not limited to the thefts and as-

saults. In some cases, victims' wal-lets were kept – and when March was arrested in a petty theft, he al-legedly identified himself to police as one of his victims, using the

as other of mix victims, using the stolen identification. March was ordered held on \$140,000 bail following a Thurs-day, October 10 Superior Court appearance, after the San Francisco Grand Jury indicted him on the new counts last month. He waived his right to a speedy trial during last week's court proceeding. A trial date will be set in the case in

December.

March was not subject to a preliminary hearing on the new counts because of the September grand jury indictments. The

counts against him were consolidated into one case, a logistical move that effectively prevented his public defender from seeking lengthy delays or having separate trials on the new counts.

If convicted of the crimes,

March, 30, faces the possibility of ten years in state prison.

He also faces criminal pro-

He also faces criminal pro-ceedings on additional but unre-lated petty theft, probation viola-tion, and drug charges.

The case attracted widespread attention in the lesbian and gay

community earlier when the case was re-assigned to the police department's Special Investigations/Hate Crimes Division investigator Sergeant Marlene Ottone.

Ottone is responsible for the intensive criminal investigation that positively identified March and linked him to the serial crimes, and developed the over-whelming evidence that led both to his initial arrest and the new

Ottone told the Bay Area Re-porter that the credit belonged to the 11 gay men willing to come forward and testify that they were

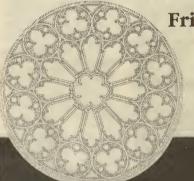
victims of "an opportunist."

"They've done everything we've asked. I have an enormous amount of respect for them," Ottone said.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant San Francisco District Attorney Scott Clarke. ▼

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Officers get (some) punishment for 1994 **AIDS fundraiser raid**

by Dennis Conkin

he San Francisco Police Commission last week or-Commission last week ordered a San Francisco police sergeant suspended for 36 weeks for making false arrests, using unnecessary force, and lying on police reports in connection with the police raid of a private 1994 South of Market Street New Year's Eve AIDS fundraiser. Another officer received a five-day other officer received a five-day suspension for making a sexual slur during the raid.

The Wednesday, October 9 decision was greeted with jeers and boos by activists upset with the penalties

penalites.
Sergeant John Haggett was ordered terminated from the force for making three false arrests, lying on a police report, and using unnecessary force during an arrest.
Haggett's termination was held in abevance for three years, and

in abeyance for three years, and the 16-year police veteran was or-dered placed on probation. He also must seek counseling and successfully complete probation in order to remain on the force.

Haggett has been suspended twice for three months in connection with previous sustained mis-conduct charges – once for break-ing a citizen's nose when striking

ing a citizen's nose when striking him with a police radio. Sergeant Steve Bosshard was ordered suspended for five days for making a sexual slur against a cross-dressed man wearing fish-

net hose and a skirt.

Bosshard testified that he inadvertently lifted up complainant
Eric Shannonhouse's skirt while
placing him into a police van following his arrest. Bosshard admitted that he said something along the lines of "I always wondered what you guys wore under-neath these things" as Shannon-house's buttocks were exposed, but testified that the comment was an attempt to defuse the situation with humor.

The commission sustained the charge by a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Chlothilde Hewlett dis-

'These people'

An attorney for Shannonhouse told the *Bay Area Reporter* that Bosshard's statement was actually 'I always wondered what these people wore underneath these things" – and that the statement was made before Bosshard lifted up Shannonhouse's skirt.

Misconduct complaints against Officer Hoyt Wong, who had been charged with throwing complainant Joey Cain into the back of a police van, were dismissed for lack of evidence. Unauthorized force charges against Officer Ed Santos for arresting Larry Archerman were also

against Officer Ed Santos for ar-resting Larry Ackerman were also dismissed for lack of evidence. Commission President John Keker told Ackerman and Santa Cruz photographer Eden Somberg that the commission fully believed their misconduct complaints – but said there was not simply not enough evidence to sustain the charges.

Somberg had attempted to take photos of the arrests and other police actions at the scene of



Police Commissioner Pat Norman

the raid, but was herself arrested, had her camera confiscated, and was brutalized when an officer ground his boots against her face hen she was in a prone arrest position.

Although an ABC officer testified that Haggett was the arresting hed that Haggett was the arresting officer, there was not enough evidence to sustain Somberg's complaint, and there were additional credibility problems with the officer's testimony.

During the raid, police dispersed about 500 people from the site and said that alcohol was being seldet the precillar the

officers, who arrested 11 people on a variety of charges such as public drunkenness but refused to allow them to take breath tests, were charged with brutalizing partygoers and making anti-AIDS and sexual orientations slurs

All charges against those arrested were later dropped.

'Shame'

When Keker announced the decisions at the conclusion of a five-and-a-half-hour hearing, audience members yelled "shame" and "ridiculous" and booed. Keker said the commission would not have further public comment about the decision.

Complainant Yvain Reid said complainant Yvain Reid said the commission meted out "light justice" in the face of "particular-ly egregious violations," but told the B.A.R. that although he "was kind of numb," he wasn't really surprised.
"There are still many other San

Francisco police and state Alcohol and Beverage Control officers who

their actions that night," he said.

A visibly angry lesbian and gay community historian and police watchdog Gerard Koskovich told lesbian commissioner Pat Nor-man that she was "even worse" as a police commissioner than former

police commissioner than former Agnos appointee Gwenn Craig. "At least Craig voted to fire Cairns," Koskovich yelled. Koskovich was referring to SFPD Captain Richard Cairns, and his role in the 1989 police ac-tion against AIDS activists in the Castro. Cairns was only suspend-ed for 45 days for his role in the 1989 incident, which included unauthorized force and illegal arrests against protesters.
Craig was the sole commis

sioner to dissent from the suspen-sion of Cairns. She was widely lauded for the courage of her dis-sent in face of a severely politi-cized commission headed, ironically, by attorney John Keker

who was replaced by Mayor Frank Jordan but reappointed by Mayor Willie Brown

'The system worked'

Koskovich was quickly repri-manded by Office of Citizen Complaints director Mary Dun-lap, who told the activists to sit

down and be quiet.

"Within limits, the system has worked. What happened that night at 938 Harrison Street was an atrocity," Dunlap told the Bay Area Reporter. "It is frustrating in the extreme that officers who may well have engaged in misconduct cannot be convicted. But," she said, "we have to be able to identify them.'

"I'm not going to get into a de-bate with Mary Dunlap," Koskovich said. "It's clear that the commission, the chief of police, and the various apologists for this

system are attempting to deflect the real issue."

He said the issue is the com-mission's "mollycoddling of a goon" and its failure to fire goon" and its famure to life. Haggett, even after the two separate three-month suspensions the officer has served because of suspensions the suspension of the original baselite charges.

tained brutality charges.

Dunlap lauded Chief of Police Duniap lauded Chief of Ponce Fred Lau, who recommended the penalties accepted and imposed by commission – and who acknowledged there were policy command staff policies that would have led the officers to act differently if they lead hear followed under approhad been followed under appro

priate supervision.

Lau said in his statement to the Lau said in his statement to the commission that Haggett was not responsible for the failure of the "cite and release" policies and other critical command staff errors during the raid.

Office of Citizen Complaint charges against Southern Station's then Cartain Michael Mon and

then-Captain Michael Yalon and Lieutenant John Erlich, related to their command staff roles in the raid, were dismissed by the com-mission, largely because of fail-ures of previous OCC director Lance Beyer to address the discriminatory nature of the raid.

A former Santa Clara County prosecutor, Beyer resigned earlier this year under threat of termina-

tion by Mayor Brown.
Although Dunlap said she could understand the emotions of the activists over the commission-

the activists over the commission-ers' decisions, she said she thought the criticism – including that of Norman – was unfair. "They did well. They listened to the testimony. They worked hard and didn't give the police of-ficers the benefit of any inappro-priate doubt." priate doubt.

Dunlap also said that "kudos" were due to the OCC investigatory staff and to lead staff attorney Diane Chin and her associates for "a stellar job."

A civil lawsuit against officers and the City and County of San Francisco because of the incident is pending, according to attorney

Dyer, an associate with the law firm Clarence and Snell, told the Bay Area Reporter that the sustained charges and the admission by Lau of command staff policy failures could only help the civil complainants. ▼

Gay Demo slate cards accused of anti-bi bias

by Dennis Conkin

long-time bisexual Latino activist and Community College Board candidate says that he's angry over the campaign tactics of campaign manager and slate card producer Robert Barnes.

slate card producer Robert Barnes.
Barnes is the controversial manager of several local political campaigns, including Matthew Rothschild for Municipal Court Judge, Leslie Katz for Supervisor, Natalie Berg for Community College Board, and Juanita Owens for San Francisco Board of Education.
Fernando Tafoya says that apparently his bisexual orientation isn't good enough for Barnes—and that he was intentionally excluded from prominently placed Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club bus shelter en

Democratic Club bus shelter endorsement ads around town, despite the club's endorsement of his candidacy

Barnes, a former president of the club, is currently the club's fi-nance chair and is in charge of slate cards and mailers for the club and other local campaigns.

Tafoya, an attorney and com-munity college instructor, was en-dorsed by the political club at its run-off endorsement meeting on September 9. He said that "whatver the excuses, there should be correction" to the error that leaves his image and name off the bus shelter ads.

He also says that Barnes' com-ments about bisexuals when he

responded to Tafoya's letter of complaint about the bus shelter flap are "arrogant and insulting." In an October 4 facsimile let-

ter to Tafoya, Barnes told the can-didate that the bus-shelter ads were in production prior to the club's September 9 run-off endorsement, and that it had been "publicly announced" in an August meeting of the club's general membership that candidates and measures "might not appear" on the bus shelters. Tough luck, Barnes told Tafoya

Tough luck, Barnes told Tafoya – explaining that a number of propositions were left off the bus shelter program because of their late endorsement.

"Further," he wrote, "I do not believe you have been billed by the Club for the bus shelter program."
Tafoya was charged a hefty \$1,500 fee by Barnes and Associates for inclusion on the Toklas and Latino Democratic Club slate cards mailed to thousands of voters, but

mailed to thousands of voters, but complains that his name was not highlighted in lavender with a tri-angle on the Toklas card like other queer candidates for office – such as Community College board canas community conege board candidate John Lira – even though Tafoya has been an out member of the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community since 1978.

"I have a long history of ac-

tivism. I've been out the entire time. I was active against Proposi-tion 6. I was in the White Night riots. I organized the Immigration AIDS hotline," he said. Barnes's explanation for the

failure to highlight Tafoya in the slates is especially upsetting, the candidate told the Bay Area Re-

"As you may know, Alice B. Toklas is a Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club," Barnes wrote. "Unlike our sister organization, we do not list bisexual as part of our Club's name, nor do we highlight bisexuals as lesbian and gay candidates.

candidates.

"Our community has a longrunning debate about this topic.
In fact, so has Alice over the
years," Barnes said.

Tafoya says that he doesn't
need Barnes's patronizing and
condescending lectures about
community history—or the struggles of minorities for civil rights—
because he's been on the front
lines for two decades as an activist, attorney, and educator.

tivist, attorney, and educator.
"I don't think Mr. Barnes speaks for the entire lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender com-

munity," he said.

Tafoya also expressed concerns that Barnes's comments were sending the wrong message to bi-sexual and transgender Latinos. "He's saying to many Latinos in the community that our con-

Barnes was not available to respond directly to Tafoya's allegations because he has "a policy" of not replying to inquires from the Bay Area Reporter.





Visiting Nurses and Hospice in labor problems

by Dennis Conkin

drive is underway by Service Employees International Union Locals 250 Nurses and Hospice, an agency that provides local home and hos-pice-based nursing and personal care for hundreds of chronically ill patients and people in the ter-minal stages of AIDS and other

According to SEIU Local 250 organizer Susan Merel, staffers want input into the changes at the agency stemming from a \$2.4 million budget cut ordered after a recent merger of Sutter Health with California Health Services, the corporate parent of California Pa-cific Medical Center, which operates VNH.
Michael Sanderson, a certified

nurse's aide at VNH, told the Bay Area Reporter he is concerned that in the era of managed care, VNH business consultants will be making patient care decisions, and that workers will not be able to spend as much time with individ-

ual patients.
"I work in the Tenderloin at "I work in the Tenderloin at the Ambassador Hotel," Sanderson told the B.A.R. "I'm worried that the continuity of patient care is threatened and that there will be a cutback in services to patients on MediCal. Poor people may not have access to this kind of care." Sanderson worries that VNH services for publicly-funded MediCal patients may be drastically reduced or eliminated, and such

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patients will be referred instead to San Francisco General Hospital and local public health clinics. "We've asked for Ellen Allen [head of VNH Professional and

[head of VNH Professional and Clinical Services] and [former vice president] Sharon Tourville and the board of CMPC to meet with us," Sanderson said, "We've asked to be heard, but we've been flatly denied. We're trying to find out who's in charge.
"They're playing pass the buck

However, Tourville has said that CPMC does support worker choice – and that every VNH employee should have the right to vote whether to unionize the

agency.

"We support the National Labor Relations Board process of fair elections, where each employee casts a vote to convey their personal choice," she said in a statement issued in response to charges she would not talk to VNH staffers.

The union says that VNH and

The union says that VNH and CMPC managements oppose their efforts to organize a union without NLRB-sanctioned elections, using a legal process allow-ing them to demonstrate through a neutral third party, at the ap propriate time, that it has majori propriate time, that it has majority status of the agency's nearly 600 workers and should be recognized as the worker's bargaining agent.

And, according to Sanderson, pro-union activists intend to step

up the bid for union recognition. "We're doing direct action. We've done marches. We're looking at street theatre," he said. ▼



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Radio activity burns

incinnati, the anti-gay Ohio town that calls itself The Queen City, has finally dropped charges against a gay and les-bian bookstore that rented the movie *Salò* to an undercover officer. (For perspective, Cinci is also the town that prosecuted a museum director for showing the photos of Robert Mapplethorpe; *Salò* is the brilliant director Pier Paolo Pasolini's extraordinarily repulsive film about fascist decadence, which most people find impossible to watch for long.)

After two years, the prosecutor agreed to drop most charges against the hapless clerk who rented the tape – all except "pandering," (for which the bookstore paid 5500) because the clerk had told the cop Salò was

a movie "with everything in it."

Two points: In the case of Salò, that is an understatement. It is intentionally over-theunderstatement. It is intentionally over-tine-top in every way, using excrement, ritual homicide, sex, debasement, and blasphemy the way Who Framed Roger Rabbit used 'toons. "Everything" was not enough for the fascist characters, and is only barely expan-

sive enough to describe the movie.

But the other point is that if that poor clerk committed five hundred bucks' worth of pandering for saying a movie has every-thing in it, what kind of bill have Dole and Clinton run up by now? Both revel in telling people their plans for America have, like Salò, "everything in it," and to an extent. they do. The have tax cuts (theoretically); balanced budgets (theoretically); and a whole lot of not-so-theoretical hatred.

Last week both candidates released radio ads that pander mightily to anti-gay bigotry.
Dole's ad lashes out at Clinton for wanting botes at lastices out at Clinton for waiting to allow gay servicemembers, while Clin-ton's ad boasts that the president signed the wretched "Defense of Marriage Act." Clinton once said his vision of America had room for everyone. Clearly he is making

sure there's plenty of space for anti-gay big-ots. When Dole accepted then rejected the Log Cabin Club's \$1,000, most clear-think-

ing Americans recognized it as shameful pandering to the religious right. Now we wonder how people will respond to this pandering by Clinton: the same week he visits The Quilt, he uses us as the evil bogeyman in his campaigning. What the hell kind of message he trying to send, and to whom

Although we still dislike Dole more than we dislike Clinton, we also recognize that the kind of gay-baiting in those ads is much more damaging when it comes from a sitting president. The campaign **Editorial**

ting president. The campaign is specifically designed to create a "gay vs. Christian" split—the offending spot begins "Protecting religious freedom. It's the foundation of our nation," then goes on to brag, "The president signed the Defense of Marriage Act," and ends with, "President Clinton has

fought for our values and America is better for it" – when it's obvious the better message is that there is nothing oxymoronic about being a gay Christian or Christian

Using a community of human beings as a wedge is an offense to every-one, and undermines the administraone, and undermines the administration's fine talk about bringing the people of Bosnia back together, to say nothing of Clinton's statement that the GOP should be ashamed of pushing the divisive DoMA issue in the first place.

Once again, the president has lied to us. Once again he is grinding us under his heel on his ascent to a second term. And once again, through no fault of their own. American gays and les-

fault of their own, American gays and lesbians are being forced to vote for someone who hates them, or to not vote at all.



Defending affirmative action defends queer civil rights

by Martha L. Knutzen

an Francisco's progressive voter base allows the city to be an example for other governments in promoting the civil rights of all of its citizens. This No-vember, San Francisco voters will go to the polls to support a spectrum of progressive issues, including affordable housing, the minimum wage, and most important, affirmative action.

It is important that gay, lesbian, bisexu-

It is important that gay, lesbian, bisexu-al and transgender people join in voting to retain these critical programs, because the fight for L/G/B/T civil rights is inextricably related to the civil rights of all people. It is useful to review our city's own his-tory on civil rights to understand the rela-tionship between every group's struggles for civil rights. San Francisco's Human Rights Commission was created in July 1944 in re-

Commission was created in July 1964 in response to the 1963 civil rights protests of African-Americans against employment discrimination in San Francisco. The man-date of the Commission was to enforce all of San Francisco's anti-discrimination laws in city control of the Commission was to enforce all

in city contracts.

The first laws began by protecting against discrimination based on race, religion, color, and ancestry. As other groups advocated for their civil rights, modeling their movements after the movement for racial equality, their protections were added to the San Francisco ordinances and came under the auspices of the Human Rights Commission. San Francisco now protects against discrimination on the basis of gender, age, disability, and place of birth. L/G/B/T people in San Francisco benefited

from this civil rights legislation.
The L/G/B/T residents in San Francisco used the civil rights struggles and laws as a model for making their own case for civil rights. Statutes were first enacted to bar dis-crimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Next, San Francisco recognized the discrimination against people with AIDS/ARC and protected people with AIDS. San Francisco became one of a few municipalities to provide discrimination protection for transgender people when gender identity was added in 1995. Unfortunately, we stand to risk losing our civil rights protections if other groups lose their rights. The groups that seek to dismantle affirmative that seek to dismanue amrmative action and civil rights programs are the ones leading the fight against our right to marry and our in-creased job protections.

Affirmative action in the San Francisco protects gay, bisexual, and transgender men of color and all lesbians, bisexual women, and trans-**Guest Opinion** gender women

Affirmative Action is justified as a mechanism that grants women and people of color, including all L/G/B/T people who fit into these categories, an equal chance because they are guaranteed equal protection of the laws. Chapter 12B of the Administrative Code provides San Francisco with the power to require all city contractors to fol-low affirmative action guidelines. By this law, the city must determine the percentage of qualified minority and women in each job category and a city contractor must at-tempt to reach these goals.

tempt to reach these goals.

San Francisco also has a program that encourages economically disadvantaged minority, women, and locally-owned businesses to obtain city contracts because they have historically been denied these contracts, and because they are still not award-

ed these contracts fairly without these in-centives. In order to justify the program, the city must perform a "disparity study" that determines if there is a difference between the percentage of qualified minority- and women-owned companies in a contract cat-egory and the percentage of contracts actu-ally awarded to minority- and women-owned companies

owned companies.
For example, in San Francisco's equipment and supply businesses, there are about 7% Asian-, 3% black-, 4% Latino-, and 6% women-owned and qualified companies in San Francisco, Yet, in 1995, the

city only granted equipment and supply contracts awarded to 3% Asian-, 2.7% black-, 1% Latino-and 1% women-owned busi-

pinion "disparity" justifies a bid preference for these groups. The affirmative action guideline grants women and people of color an equal chance to compete for the contract.

Affirmative action programs grant an equal chance to women and people of color.
The lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender movement is engaged in a similar struggle to make sure they are granted equal rights as citizens, including their rights to jobs, housing and their full protection as fami-lies. Affirmative action and gay rights are not special rights, they are the guarantee of equal rights for all of San Francisco. We must support everyone's right to equal protection or all of our struggles will fail. ▼

Martha L. Knutzen is the chair of the SF Human Rights Commission and Chair of the Lesbian /Gay /Bisexual /Transgender Advisory Committee of the HRC.

Death row/marriage analogy

Today [October 3], while no gay couples were legally married, three people on death row at San Quentin prison were – one, a mass murderer. Maybe marriage isn't our best choice. (?)

Domestic partnership gets my vote

Reverend William M. Davis San Francisco

Squeaky wheel appreciated

I just wanted to speak my mind about some of the recent shake-ups by the mayor on the AIDS Council. One of the members of that council that was "let go" is one of the most outspoken, hard-working advo-cates for our community.

cates for our community.

Bill Hershon spent the past three years being one of the key squeaky wheels that pushed for more funding for hospice care in this city. I know that not many people appreciate squeaky wheels.

However, as a fellow wheel, I felt it important enough to let people know that the l/g/b/t/q community lost a valuable advocate on this council. I feel that the Mayor has delivered a dissergive, not only to our

the Mayor has delivered a disservice - not only to our

community, but also to Mr. Hershon.

Also, judging by some of the press coverage on this topic, the gay media has once again proven how adept it is at throwing crap at hard-working people as well.

Yes. We are known for our dissing!

How about trying a few thank-yous? It might keep some of our activists around longer.

Anyhow - I would like to publicly extend my thanks to Bill for his efforts as well as his no-bullshit approach. I'll keep shooting my mouth off! I hope you do, too!

Shadow Morton San Francisco

Mailstrom

Rothschild reports

Your report about Matthew Rothschild reneging on his student loan reveals a clear pattern of misuse of the public trust for personal gain and makes it painfully obvious that his temperament is unsuited

painfully obvious that his temperament is unsuited to be a judge.
Previous reports in your newspaper found Rothschild to be routinely using public resources at the City Attorney's office (i.e. phone calls made on the public dime while billing a senior convalescent center, Laguna Honda, for the time he spent trying to round up votes for his endorsement at a local Democratic club). Furthermore, his denial of these charges and subsequent regentation when Lovies Peanse foolly as subsequent recantation when Louise Renne finally re-leased only one of the series of phone logs, proving he lied, question his integrity. (Where are the rest of

he lied, question his integrity. (Where are the rest of the phone logs, Louise?)

Later you reported that Rothschild explicitly lied to the endorsement committee of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom about documents "in his possession," and misrepresented his political appointment to HUD (20-something days) as an "Attorney: HUD Fair Housing Enforcement." More lies.

Now he avers, the reason he went bankrupt (while raking in \$48 grand a very) were that he were size for

Now he avers, the reason he went Dankrupt (white raking in \$48 grand a year) was that he was caring for a sick and dying friend with AIDS – this is the most troubling of all. AIDS has been used enough by politicians – how dare he hide his avaricious scheme to rip off the public and those who loaned him money in good faith, behind our incalculable tragedy. This lie is immost. is immoral.

The picture which emerges of Mr. Rothschild, from student through his series of political appointments, including his current position as an undistinguished Deputy at the City Attorney's Office, is one of abuser of the system. It does not recommend him to a more permanent position where he can feed further at the public trough most certainly not with a ther at the public trough, most certainly not with a responsibility to make decisions which affect us all.

A. Brown San Francisco

Note from a NDE'er needer

Last month, Dennis Conkin and the staff at the B.A.R. published a community news article about my work entitled "Researcher seeks gays, lesbians with near death experiences." The results have been significant and the questionnaires continue to come through. I am grateful to the staff for finding this research project to be newsworthy. My interactions with both Dennis and the photographer, Jane Cleland, were both professional and stimulating.

I have an ongoing need for additional research subjects for this study, as we will need approximately 50 NDE'ers for a well-rounded study. Please ask your friends within the gay community, here in the Bay Area or anywhere in other parts of the country, to consider joining this study. consider joining this study.
Please contact me at (510) 526-7530, or write to 1316A Solano Avenue, Albany CA 94706.

Liz Dale, Ph.D., RN Albany, CA

Dumber Drummer another bummer?

First, I want to commend Audrey Joseph and Mister Marcus for their undying allegiance to the San Francisco leather community and the greater leather/SM community of the world for their perse-verance and hard work in putting together another successful International Mr. Drummer contest last successful International Mr. Drummer contest last weekend. While it was disappointing that Antonio Sanchez, Mr. Drummer Europe, was disqualified by his sponsors in Europe, the 11 American contestants who competed were all very sexy. Further, the oft-invoked statement, "Oh, somebody from California always wins it" was nullified because probably hardly no one noticed that there was not ONE judge from California on the panel this year - and still, a California leather was not the title.

California on the panel this year - and still, a California leather man won the title.

Having followed the transition of 1996 Mr. Drummer contest from the beginning via Mr. Marcus's column in that (1) AmFAR was going to produce it, then canceled out; (2) San Francisco's AIDS Emergency Fund was going to produce it and then canceled out; (3) At the Midnight hour, there was almost NO contest, Audrey and Marcus have the distinction of truly being leaders by their, communities because they being leaders by their communities because they pulled it off - and they would be the first to say they didn't do it alone!

didn't do it alone!

Due to their dedication, Audrey and Mr. Marcus managed to get it together with little or no help from Drummer Magazine. Outgoing Mr. Drummer David Walker orchestrated the production of a program, and friends not only in San Francisco but from around the country rallied to produce the event which was, to say the least, a contest without frills.

Let's face it from the beginning the

Contest without trills.

Let's face it, from the beginning, the Mr. Drummer title was conceived as a marketing tool for that magazine. Through the ownership of the magazine, first John Embry, then Tony De-Blase and now Martijn Bakker of Amstadam, that proclaims tool hes NEWER.

terdam, that marketing tool has NEVER been fully utilized. Sporadically, maybe - there was a been fully utilized. Sporadically, maybe - there was a lot of publicity when Clive Platman won the title and John Siracusa won the Drummer boy title - but they lived here - they both worked at *Drummer*, so there was a lot of photo layouts of them in the magazine. Subsequent and some previous winners did not enjoy the same attention in that magazine.

Now, the word is out, and confirmed by Mr. Marcus, that '95 Mr. Drummer David Walker, who lives in Colorado Springs has been grated the rights to pro-

cus, that '95 Mr. Drummer David Walker, who lives in Colorado Springs, has been granted the rights to produce the contest. How long this arrangement will last seems dubious at best - if AmFAR in New York with all its money and clout couldn't get their act together to produce it, how in the world will someone from Colorado Springs do it? With all due respect to Mr. Walker, is he aware of dealing with a contest of this magnitude by REMOTE CONTROL?

Quite frankly, I do enjoy leather contests (IML, MsL, Mid-Atlantic Leather, etc.), but once again Drummer Magazine is subjecting the leather popula-

IMSL, Mid-Atlantic Leather, etc.), but once again Drummer Magazine is subjecting the leather population to another year of SUSPENSE— will it come off? Can someone OUTSIDE of San Francisco pull it off? I guess we'll all know next September, won't we? In the meantime, a big and heartfelt thanks to Audrey Joseph and Mr. Marcus for your dedication. We DO appreciate your efforts and hope you get plenty of rest after this year's debacle with Desmodus, Inc., Martiple Bakker and Mark Stevens. While the entire leather/SM community applauds your efforts, did you hear even a peep from Drummer Magazine? Do they appreciate the fact that YOU SAVED THEIR ASS? Will Drummer EVER realize what a gem of a marketing tool they have yet are unable to work it? Time will tell.

Claude Kennedy

Daddy's boy?

There is an unconfirmed report out there that when Jack Kemp was approached that he team up with Bob Dole, he said, "Oh no! He is too old for me!"

Willard Newton

Favorite gene designer

[The following was sent to "Queer Science" columnist Simon LeVay, Ph.D.:]

Thanks for your very insightful article. I have always admired your work and really enjoyed the T.V. special on you a few years ago. I am certainly not up your level of understanding (I am just a programmer), but I am quite interested in the whole idea of a gay gene. So many people agree with you from our community. It seems so natural to think that what we are (right from early years) must be inborn. How can are (right from early years) must be inborn. How can others doubt this?? But they do.

It is my hope that someday we might cross paths.

I would love to sit and chat with you on your ideas.

Earl Faneuf San Jose, CA





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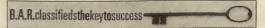
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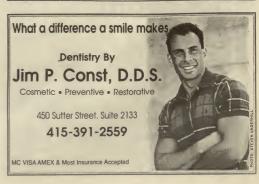
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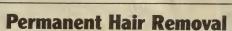


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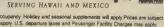
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Clinton's record

Positive positions and actions – many of them firsts in American history – need to be recounted in order to make a fair assessment of President Bill Clinton's administration.

Clinton appointed many open gays and lesbians to federal posts (four of whom were confirmed by the U.S. Senate) in the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Energy, Labor, Commerce, Health and Human Services, Education and Interior; the U.S. District Court, National Institutes of Health Research Division, other offices and key positions on the White House staff.
Clinton ordered all civilian federal agencies to im-

plement non-discrimination policies that include les-bians and gays. He issued an executive order mandating that security clearances no longer be denied on the basis of sexual orientation. Clinton endorsed the Employment Non-Discrim-

ination Act, making him the first president to back civil rights legislation for lesbians and gays. ENDA would have passed the U.S. Senate had Senator Pryor, chair of the White House Conference on Aging Policy Committee, not been absent with his ailing son.

Clinton has been a staunch advocate for HIV/ AIDS

fulinton has been a staunch advocate for HIV/AIDS funding, research and education. He convened the first White House summit on AIDS and created the President's Council on HIV/AIDS headed by a gay physician; established the Office of AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health, and the Office of AIDS Housing at HUD; and successfully fought for the re-peal of the Dornan amendment, which would have required expelling all HIV-positive military service-members regardless of their ability to do their jobs. Further, he directed the Equal Employment Op-

Further, he directed the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Justice Department to vigorously prosecute those who discriminate against PWAs, leading to actions against health care providers and facilities that violate the Americans with Disabilities Act. He increased public health spending for HIV/AIDS programs by nearly 40%, including a 120% increase for Ryan White CARE programs, a 26% raise for AIDS research, and a more than 20% increase for AIDS education and prevention. He also increase for AIDS research, and a more than 2022 increase for AIDS released to the also fought to protect Medicaid and the proposed cuts by the Republican Congress that would have been devastating to PWAs, disabled and elderly.

Also important, Clinton's appointments to the

U.S. Supreme Court provided the margin of victory in overturning Colorado's Amendment 2. Given the chance, Candidate Bob Dole is likely to appoint Scalia-like anti-gay conservatives who could upset the balance of the court for decades.

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon San Francisco

Class warfare

Re Sal Iacopelli's "Street people" ("Mailstrom," 10/3): The Castro is world renowned as the Gay Mecca- one of the Gayest (not queer) places in the Mecca- one of the Gayest (not queer) places in the world- it is a place we gather to hiss at people with different opinions, to enjoy an overpriced meal, to shop for useless things, to get drunk... but most of all, it is a place to feel safe with our (mostly) brothers and (few) sisters- a right for which we have fought. Gay tourists (ka-ching) throughout the world come to Frisco to visit the Castro. Yet our neighborhood is being over run by street people. (No, honey, corporate, straight-owned businesses are overrunning the Castro; the street people have always been here.)

Their presence is making our streets dirtier, unsafe, and even more crowded than they already are (the gay Disneyland should be sterile after all; can I have a little social cleansing with my Pride Rings,

have a little social cleansing with my Pride Rings, please?). They are not "interesting" or "colorful" (is it "required" that they be to be homeless?). Many of them (people in general) are belligerent, dangerous, and homophobic. Street and hate crimes are on the rise. We have fought too hard as a community to have our neighborhood – our haven (our ghetto) – filled with such unacceptable behavior.

My turn, Sal.

My turn, Sal. First of all, many of these "street people" are sexual minorities themselves. Included in these street people are runaways. Kids with no money running away from abusive, homophobic parents. Homelessness is rampant. It's not just the Castro – it's San Francisco, it's Oakland, it's Berkeley. And since when is compassion about getting something back in return? If they bother you so much, Sal, why don't you move. Move back to the safe, clean, void-of-life suburb you crawled out of. You can afford it. Yet you choose to push people with lower incomes to the four corners of the earth so you can have the privilege of secluding of the earth so you can have the privilege of secluding yourself to a gentrified environment. This is class warfare in the flesh! All your talk of reclamation from the undestrables and gay nationalism scares me profoundly. This adoption of values from those who oppress is not what began gay liberation and it certainly won't secure our rights in the next century. We are everywhere, Sal, even on the street. Realize it, deal with it, or shut up.

Kevin Weaver Berkeley, CA

Commend our senators

As we recover from the Senate's devastating vote against our right to marry, to have job security and to live where we choose, we should remember those who voted against these discriminatory measures, specifi-cally Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. With their vote they ignored the massive campaign mounted by the religious right in favor of intolerance, and they have thus incurred the wrath of thousands

of so-called Christians and other bigots in California.
Therefore it is imperative that those of us who really care about our civil rights communicate with these fine Senators and commend them for their sup-port. This is your chance to counteract the piles of hate mail they are receiving.

JUST DO IT!

Robert Shultz

Hoover maneuver

Hoover maneuver

The political cartoon on page 6 of your October 3 issue contained a regrettable slur. I wish that Joe Hoover had been clever enough to make a reference to "Ellen's" supposed lesbianism without accusing her of "liking tuna fish." Historically, misogynist gay men have referred to dykes or other women as "fish" to express their revulsion for our female genitals, and to attempt to make us feel dirty and ashamed of our bodies and our sexuality. It is weird indeed to see this insulting "joke" come up in a supposedly pro-gay context. If this sex-negative cunt hatred is what Ellen has to look forward to from her "eay brothers." perhas to look forward to from her "gay brothers," per-haps she's wise to stay in the closet.

Pat Califia San Francisco

[The editor responds: We apologize unreservedly.]

Overfunded war machine

Two hundred and sixty-five billion dollars! Which lucky government agency is the complacent and de-

Index government agency is the complacent and de-lighted recipient?

Answer: Our super war machine, the U.S. Penta-gon. Do readers know about interesting new devel-opments in the current manufacture of modern, up-scale armaments? Last summer, a military analyst, Professor Michael T. Klare, commented in the San Francisco Bay Guardian ("The (small) arms race," July

Francisco Bay Guardian ("The (small) arms race," July 17, 1996, page 9):

"The United States ... plans to introduce a revolutionary type of gun that will combine a rifle and a grenade launcher in a single unit. Known as the Objective Individual Combat Weapon (OICW), the gun will fire a standard bullet as well as a new type of bursting munition that will explode like a grenade, flinging shrapnel in all directions."

At what target might those volatile, bursting grenades be aimed? Maybe at peasant revolutionaries and their desperate families in the Third World countries we intend to control.

tries we intend to control.

In California, where many "defense" RND contractors continue to design weapons, maintained and supported by taxpayer dollars, we can get a few of those millions back to spend on good purposes: schools, health care and the maintenance of vital local services. Vote YES on State Proposition 217, the "Top-Bracket" initiative.

Mrs. Constance E. Kuruppu San Francisco

White lies

This letter is in response to Carlos Caviglioni's letter to the editor ("Spanish lesson") in the 9-26 edition of the *B.A.R.*

tion of the B.A.R.

He is completely wrong when he says (in Spanish) "you white ignorant North Americans have the idea that the Spanish in Latin America is not the correct (version)." I have been a student of the Spanish language for many years, and I have never had that impression. In an informal survey among my "white" friends, no one had any opinion on the subject. In fact, I 've never heard anybody say that Spanish from Spain is the "correct" version. As a North American, I know that the original version of English was imported here from Great Britain, but I don't consider our version or theirs the correct form. They are just simply a bit different. simply a bit different.

simply a bit different.

He also describes a "coconut" as being a Latino who is brown on the outside, but thinks and acts "white" on the inside. I would love to hear his description of how a white person thinks and acts. Is it a bad thing to think or act "white?" Please let me know so I can make the appropriate changes in my lifestyla How can be accuse the A. P. of him projett. lifestyle. How can he accuse the B.A.R. of being racist, when he himself is prejudging "white" people? If I go on a date with one of his Latino friends, wilh eridicule his friend for deserting the camp, or support him for being open-minded and desiring variety in

Please... could we all just get along?

Maynard R. Dodson Burlingame, CA

The Disastro redux

by Wayne Friday

eople often stop me on Castro Street and ask why I don't write more about the obviously worsening homeless problem in the area. Well, I have written about this issue twice to plenty of supportive comments but little action on the part of those complaining the loudest.

Look, plain and simple, there are poor, homeless people who

Look, plain and simple, there are poor, homeless people who truly need help in this city. Then there are the young, lazy-assed punks who continually panhandle in the Castro because gays and lesbians are the biggest suckers of all.

Case in point: On Saturday, I passed three young men who looked like teenagers camped out on the sidewalk near Cliff's. They were holding a sign that read:

on the sidewalk near Chit's. They were holding a sign that read: "Can you spare some change for pot?" Funny, huh?

Believe it or not, barely three minutes later, I saw a gay man hand the youngest and cutest a dollar as he walked by. Look, folks, these "kids" know what they are doing. They know the easy. are doing. They know the easy prey. Many of them would kick your faggot ass in a dark alley if

they could get away with it.
Don't think for a minute
otherwise. As long as you continue to encourage them – instead of advising them to get a job they will be on our doorstep.

The Castro is still

a damned nice place – a great place for our **Our Man Friday**

community and others as well – but all those who claim to know Harvey Milk should know that Milk would be raising hell at the way the district is being taken over by young peo-ple who have no interest whatso-ever in real work. And why should they? After all, they can make a couple of hundred a day off the good will of those who continue

good will of those who continue to provide for them.

Incidentally, while I'm on the proverbial soapbox, the merchants have a responsibility as well. Hardly a day goes by when I stop and get coffee on Castro Street (before 7 a.m.) when I don't see the fabulous Bella of Bella's Place Florist out hosing down the street in front of his establishment – and sometimes the tablishment – and sometimes the establishments of others. There are good proprietors on Castro – at Daddy's, The Phoenix, All American Boy, Welcome Home, to name a few – and they do their share to leave the extreme

to name a few – and they do their share to keep the street up.
However, they can't do it alone, people. Everyone, merchants and residents alike, must do their bit. For starters: ignore those who are sitting on their asses begging for handouts. They'll eventually get the message and leave. Help make Castro Street a place to come to and not Street a place to come to and not

one to avoid.

Yes, I know I'll get the usual letters blasting me for this, but I don't give a damn. If there is anything more I can do to help, let me v. After all, I live here, too.

Political potpourri

Predictably, Republican nominee Bob Dole has gained some ground on President Bill Clinton, according to the latest polls. In California, Clinton's lead has shrunk to ten points – still a considerable margin. However, only a siderable margin. However, only a fool could still believe that Bubba is *not* headed for another four



The Castro has become a home to many of the city's homeless.

years as the nation's chief executive. To para-phrase the redoubtable Ann Richards, "You can stick a fork in Dole. He's done."

Senate scoop: The U.S. Senate currently stands at 53 Republicans and 47 Democrats.

For the De-

mocrats to win control, they would have to pick up three seats currently held by Republicans (and count on **Al Gore**'s re-election) to control the Senate. This scenario could hap-pen. Indeed, Republicans are wor-ried that if Dole loses *too* big to Clinton, it could cost them five or

six seats.

House cleaning: Democrats know that they will lose some seats in this body, but they still insist that if the President and the rest of the top of the ticket do well, they could net 18 seats, the number needed for them to regain control of the House. Even Republican leaders, such as Speaker Newt Gingrich, admit that Democratic chances of gaining in the House have improved ing in the House have improved lately.

Again, gains and losses seem to be tied to the size of Clinton's ex-pected victory. "If Clinton should

pected victory. "If Clinton should win by 15 percent or more, then he takes both the Senate and House with him," one GOP strategist dourly stated last week. My prediction: Republicans re-tain control of the House by a razor-thin margin, while Democ-rats regain the Senate by an equal-ly slim number.

ly slim number. Spotlight on Sacramento: A lot of money is being spent on con-trol of the Sacramento Legislature this year. Democrats currently control the state Senate and are expected to after the November 5 expected to after the November 5 election. Republicans have reportedly given up any hope of wrestling control of that body from Bill Lockyer and Company.

Of course, the Assembly could be another matter. There are currently 41 GOP Assemblymembers 36 Democrate one Independent

bers, 36 Democrats, one Independent and two vacancies. Both va-cant seats and the Independent one are in heavily Democratic areas, and the Demos are expect-ed to pick them up, leaving just

two Republican Assembly seats to regain control (with Lt. Governor Gray Davis casting the tie-breaking vote for the Democrats).

Many believe the Democrats could grab as many as four incumbent GOP Assembly seats.

A reorganized Assembly could make for fun watching. Look for Assemblywoman.

Carole.

Assemblywoman Carole Migden, the Assembly's newest member, to pop up in that sce-nario somewhere. She's not one to hide her light under a bushel.

Some of those supposedly in the know are telling me that state Senator **Quentin Kopp** will retire from politics after he is "termed out" in Sacramento. Others insist he has his eye on **Dan Lungren**'s job as the attorney general lays the groundwork for his gubernatorial bid.

Kudos to Rob Morse for his excellent coverage of the AIDS Memorial Quilt display in D.C. in

Memorial Quilt display in D.C. in the Sunday Examiner. A nice dude, that Rob Morse. Campaign notes: Former Gov-ernor Jerry Brown, Rep. Tom Lantos and Senator Kopp are hosting a fundraiser/reception for supe candidate Andy Clark on October 22 at the Presidio Offi-cers Club on Moraga Ave. Call 434-1996 for more information.

434-1996 for more information. State Sen. **Henry Mello** (D-Watsonville) is termed out, but he Watsonville) is termed out, but he gave a fundraising party for himself, anyway! He then turned around and gave the \$50,000 raised by the event to Rusty Areias, who's running to be his successor. But isn't that what friends are for?

Rumor mill: Yet another bigarang DC, pulitica about to come

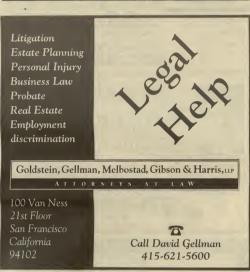
name D.C. politico about to come out of the closet in a big way? They say it's in the works.

In Hollywood, the buzz is that

Arnold star Schwarzenegger is edging closer and closer to running for office as a Republican. Wonder how the Kennedys (the Terminator is mar-ried to **Maria Shriver**) will re-

spond to that development?
One of our favorites, Senator
Barbara Boxer, will be the main
speaker (following Ross Perot
shouldn't be that bad, Barbara) at the Commonwealth Club of Calthe Commonwealth Club of California tomorrow (Friday, October 18) at the Sheraton Palace Hotel. Call 597-6705 for tickets and other information. ▼







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Glad she's gone straight

by Beth Elliott

unny, but even with all the "controversial" things I've written here, this headline will likely be the thing that sets off the most readers. No explanation needed, of course. The return to heterosexuality of any woman who's tasted the delights of Lesbos/come home to the warm, supportive womon-affirming embrace of sister-loving/rejected assimilation to be an in-your-face dykegrrrl/broken the chains of the heteropatriarchy to unite in armed snuggle/[your cliché here] bespeaks to us not only tragedy

but betrayal.

Tragedy, for two reasons. First, her right mind going back to men her right mind going back to men after loving women. It's a "no brag, just fact" thing – who disses heterosexuality more than heterosexuals themselves? Look at comics and sitcoms – they've made an entire industry out of it. Heterosexuals disparage the real-world acting out of their orientation even more than we go on about U-Hauls and dyke drama.

gone straight has found little support but much oppression, to the point of giving up and taking the path of least resistance into a "best available" heterosexual relation ship (too often the case, alas). This pains us, and for good-reason: no woman should have to suffer this fate, espehave to suffer this fate, especially since often the obstacles to coming out are a simple lack of information – or faulty information, like unappealing stereotypes. We've all

known women who grew up unenthused about boys.

falling into
marriage because it was "the thing to do" – not knowing they had al-ternatives until a woman came along who just totally electrified them to the point they couldn't fail to notice their orientation.

Sapphistication

Since it takes a threshold amount of moxie to follow through and live a life of loving women and honoring that love, when women run back to men absent duress we feel toyed with – especially in the light of those women who've come to taste, etc. but deny any lesbian component to their lives even before any chips are down. I would, however, caution that betrayal can work both ways: there are women who've felt they had no choice but to relinquish their hopes of living among woman-loving women – women shunned, or actively harassed, for failing to conform to self-pro-claimed arbiters' theories of what constitutes a "real lesbian." Dyke separatists in the 1970s caused many a woman to find lesbianism unattractive; today, femmes – especially femmes not attracted to butches – can get treated like clue-less suburban wannabes.

Different light

I recently received a letter from a friend – a woman I once dated – who fits no stereotype of "lapsed" lesbian, even though she recently (re)discovered her heterosexuality. As I read of how this came to pass, and read a new happiness between the lines, I found myself feeling (gasp!) extremely happy for her, warmed by the joy her dis-covery had brought her. I feel happier for myself, be-cause this casts our failed attempt

at exploring a relationship in a different light. It's not a thing of "Oh, that explains her not going

gaga for me – revenge for an those obnoxious straight boys who insinuate only a dyke would reject a date with them. It's more like erasure of an old feeling of futility: she'd indeed considered me lover material, but didn't know

lover material, but didn't know she wasn't wired to go head over heels for a woman.

Helen (not the name she uses) had three times been brutally raped (and once stalked) when she was only 20. Throwing herself into shunning men and dating women removed her from harm's way, and she had bonded emo-tionally with

female part-ners. I hadn't known before

her letter her lack of sexual interest had become an issue. We'd not est nad become an issue, we'd not set any beds on fire, but I'd call none of our attempts a fiasco. I had her pegged as still hung up on her ex; we did enjoy time spent

Positive transformations

Over the past year, she said, she'd worked through her old stuff and achieved positive transformations in her life. Her libido returned, but she was surprised to find it was boys who made her "melt into a puddle on the floor. She took responsibility, in retrospect, for having been incapable of serious passion in her involvements with women. The regret ments with women. The regret she expressed for her romantic/sexual "short attention span" with me I found incredibly thoughtful and caring; it made me feel appreciated and loved. How could she fool all of us, herself included? Helen had "come out" (such as it was) in the wid 700 when behaving faminists

mid-70s, when lesbian-feminists were actively encouraging women to choose female partners for po-litical impact. Now, I for one am glad lesbianism is available as an alternative to the chronic pitfalls of involvement with men that result from differences in gender culture. I exult in recognition of lesbian love as very much in the continuum of female friendships – different in degree, not in kind. Still, I think lesbian culture

and community got tainted by the and community got fainted by the notion loving women was something one could intellectually "choose" – especially since too many of these "political lesbians" tried to make over our lives and communities with theory not necessarily grounded in desire.

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How d'ya make a hormone?

by Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

n 1952 the British war hero and computer pioneer Alan Turing was convicted of gross indecency. His crime was having consensual sex with a nineteen-year-old man (this was still a crime in Britain up until 1994). As an alternative to imprisonment, he was ordered to undergo a yearlong course of injections of the female hormone, estrogen. Thus Turing became the most celebrated victim of "organotherapy," the attempt to manipulate people's sexuality though treatment with sex hormones. Turing became temporarily impotent and grew temporarily impotent and grew breasts, but did not become straight. A year after completing his sentence, he bit into a cyanide-laced apple and ended his life. The father of organotherapy was the Austrian endocrinologist Eugen Steinach, who claimed to find microscopic abnormalities in

find microscopic abnormalities in the testes of gay men. These ab-normalities suggested to him that the testes were producing defi-cient or abnormal sex hormones. In 1917 he announced that he had converted a gay man to heterosex-uality by transplanting into him a testicle taken from a heterosexual man.
The announcement caused

quite a flurry of excitement. A number of men were subjected to the procedure: in one case a German surgeon, while performing a hernia repair on a gay man, graft-ed a piece of testicle into him without his knowledge. Within without his knowledge. Within weeks, the surgeon reported, the man was "cured" of his homosexuality and talking about marriage. But this whole line of research turned out to be bogus. The transplant operations had no long-term results unless both the gay man's own testicles were removed, and then the effects were the same as those of castration: the same as those of castration: the man's sex drive gradually weakened and often was extinguished entirely. The transplant ed testicles, of course, were reject ed by the immune system. During the 1930s, the sex hor-

mones testosterone and estrogen were identified. In 1935, a Los An-geles psychiatrist reported that gay men had "too little" testosrone, and claimed to have cured numerous gay men (mostly prisoners) by injections of the hor-

Sapphistication

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(And is a certain amount of les-(And is a certain amount of les-bianism as cool neo-boho subcul-ture an extension of the "lesbian until graduation" phenomenon?) We still haven't shaken the idea that there are "proper" ways to be a lesbian – how can this be when women as a group are so incredi-bly diverse and so are our hearts.

bly diverse, and so are our hearts and desires?

I must say I'm much happier with my friend Helen being a born-again heterosexual than living as a faux lesbian. I'd prefer there being fewer of us to living in a community inflated by women who love women only halfheart-edly. (There's enough pressure to fit molds that many really cool fe-male individuals avoid the lesbian mainstream anyway.) We've been aboveground long enough to speak in terms of traditions handed down – so what is this culture we transmit? More thoughts on that next week. ▼

mone. But in later studies, testos-terone injections did not "cure" gay men, but only made them hornier. According to the sex re-searcher Alfred Kinsey, one such study was conducted on 300 gay servicemen during the Second World War. The men's sexual urges were so inflamed that the Army had "the worst homosexual

It seemed as if sexual orientation was hard-wired into the brain and was resistant to any hormonal treatment.

During the 1970s, Steinach's spiritual descendant, the German endocrinologist Guenter Doerner, suggested that sex hormones do control sexual orientation, but that this control is exerted during

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problem on their hands that they

had ever had."
As testosterone didn't work, medical researchers tried estro-gen. Although impotence and gynecomastia (growth of breasts) often resulted, the hormone had no more effect on men's sexual orientation than did testosterone.

fetal life, when the brain is assembling itself, rather than during adulthood. He proposed that doctors check the amniotic fluid of pregnant women to see if hor-mone levels were normal. If not, he said, the hormone levels could be corrected, thus averting homo-sexuality when the fetus became

an adult. This plan was never put into action, and in fact Doerner has since become a lot more positive about homosexuality and gay people than he then was. Queer Science Given this grue

Given this grue-some history, you'd think any self-respecting gay per-son would completely repudiate this whole field of research. Well I, for one, don't. I repudiate the ef-forts to "treat" gay people with hormones, of course. There's nothing about homosexuality that needs treatment, whether by hormones or by any other means. hormones or by any other means But if you strip away the homophobia, Doerner's theory has a lot going for it. The idea that a person might be predisposed towards a certain sexual orientation because of the particular levels of sex hormones to which s/he was exposed during fetal life – that is a simple, testable, and to my mind quite appealing explanation for how Nature produces diversity in human sexuality.

Equally, however, it is a theory

that at the moment is supported only by quite limited evidence, and one that is unlikely ever to provide the complete explanation why one

person is gay, another bisexual, and yet another straight.

As with most medical mistreatment of gay people, organotherapy was used mostly on men. The historical invisibility of lesbians, though it hampered their social and political develop-ment, did at least spare them from the worst excesses of the medical profession. ▼

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GLAAD urges history media to present our past

by Don Romesburg, GLAAD/SF media resource center manager

n honor of Lesbian & Gay History Month, GLAAD is encouraging two major media purveyors of history to embrace our heritage. TheHistoryNet, an extensive website devoted to history, has yet to address Lesbian & Gay History Month. "We hope that they proclaim October as Lesbian & Gay History Month, as well as highlight historical warner." well as highlight historical events in the lesbian and gay civil rights movement," said Loren Javier, GLAAD's interactive media director. "We'd also like to see profiles of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people who have con-tributed to our society, culture

tributed to our society, culture and technology."
Additionally, while the site has many links, it fails to link to the official Lesbian & Gay History Month page (http://www.glaad.org/glaad/history-month).
The History Channel also has not declared October Lesbian & Cay History Month per have they

not declared October Lesbian & Gay History Month, nor have they established any special programming around it.

Please let both media outlets know that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history is rich and diverse. Explain that Lesbian & Gay History Month is part of & Gay History Month is part of an important tradition recognizing communities frequently over-looked by history, not unlike Black History Month and Women's History Month. Contact: The History Net,

e-mail:

historynet@newmedium.com, WWW: http://www.thehistotm; Nick)/www.thenisto-rynet.com/general/emailconnect.h tm; Nicklos Davatzes, President and CEO, A&E and The History Channel, 235 East 45th Street, New York NY 10017, fax: 212.949.7147, WWW: http://www.historychannel.com/fe edback/feedback.html.

Media checks out **GLAAD's** donated books

On September 22, GLAAD's Project 21 donated nearly 200 gay-positive young adult books to area school districts in Kansas City, Missouri. Within days, the event received coverage in *The Kansas City Star* and on the evening news of several local television stations

The September 25 Star contained an excellent article by columnist Barbara Shelly entitled "Warning: Books Can Spark Ideas," which shelves the controversy over these books with the censorship of such classic works as Alice in Wonderland, The Diary

of Anne Frank, and The Invisible Man. "To challenge a book is to compliment the author," she wrote. "It shows the writer is raising issues, presenting ideas and giving voice to the conflicts that rage inside human beings. rage inside numan beings. The day will come, perhaps, when [the donated books] are as acceptable as Alice in Wonderland." Television coverage was not as solid. While WDAF-TV

Channel 4 provided extensive interviews with GLAAD members and talked to students and their parents in Fort Osage School District, another channel, KSHB-TV Channel 41, included homophobic

comments by longtime
anti-gay book burner
Rev. John Birmingham.
As John Corbaley of GLAAD
in Kansas City noted, "When Jesse Jackson comes to town, are representatives of the Ku Klux Klan sought out for 'balance?' By airing the views of Rev. Birmingham, you perpetuate the climate of fear and hatred in which gay and les-bian teens must live. The inclu-sion of such an anachronistic fringe [individual] is offensive."

Please let both *The Kansas City*Star and WDAF-TV know that

their balanced and thoughtful coverage of this critical project is appreciated, and inform KSHB-TV that their knee-jerk sense of balance needs some major re-

alignment. Contact: Robert C. Woodworth, President and Publisher, The Kansas City Star, 1709 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64108, fax: 816.234.4926, e-mail: talkback@kcstar.com; Mike McDonald, News Director, WDAF-TV Channel 4, 3030 Sum-mit , Kansas City, MO 64108, mit, Kansas City, Mid 64106, email: wdaftv4@wdaftv4.com; Margaret English, General Man-ager, KSHB-TV Channel 41, 4720 Oak Street, Kansas City, M0 64112, email: vs@kshb.com

Time's touting outing

In an article entitled "The Bait-ing Game," the October 14 *Time* magazine discusses the new out-ing resurgence by examining several Congressional races around the country.

In recent weeks some Repub licans have found that the issue of sexual orientation- specifically their own- has re-entered the campaign," the story states. "Why are these episodes happening now?" Time asks. "Partly because the defeats on same-sex marriage and workplace discrimination raised bitter questions about

whether closeted gay lawmakers were guilty of hypocrisy. "'If Sarah Brady owned a handgun, would you write about

handgun, would you write about it?' asks [openly gay Representative Barney] Frank."

Log Cabin Executive Director Rich Tafel comments that "the sad thing in all this is that everybody involved believed that being 'charged' with being gay is bad." The article concludes by saying that "Republicans may have fostered

cans may have fostered that climate. Will De-mocrats be any better

mocrats be any better if they turn it to their advantage?"

Please commend Time for balanced coverage of this complicated issue and for raising the question of why many feel that being identified as gay is such a bad thing in the first place.

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The doctor is out

GLAAD

On October 7, CBS's highly acclaimed hospital drama Chicago Hope explored the budding friendship between two doctors in a frank, open and comical way. In a previous episode, Dr. Alan Shutts (Adam Arkin) found him-Shutts (Adam Arkin) found himself in an uncomfortable situation when Robert, a new male colleague, made a pass at Alan mistakenly believing that he was gay. In this week's episode, the two grow to be good friends as they work on a research project together. They discuss each of their respective filled marriages their gether. They discuss each of their respective failed marriages, their problems with relationships, and about some of Alan's problems dealing with Robert's sexual ori-entation. Their exchanges are often as comical as they are fraught with a sense of common-ality. When Alan attempts to crack Pochert's back. Pocher tryons him Robert's back, Robert warns him that "if you hurt me, I'll kiss you."

Homophobia in the workplace is a major problem for many gay men and lesbians. Please let CBS know that we appreciate the warm, touching and honest way that Chicago Hope is depicting these two characters' intimate, yet still professional, friendship. Contact: CRS. Talayisian Naturals tact: CBS Television Network, 7800 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036, fax: 213.651.0285, e-mail: marketing@cbs.com.▼

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SF School Board to vote on protecting queer kids on Tuesday

by Jesse Costello-Good

his Tuesday, October 22, the San Francisco School Board will vote on what is probawill vote on what is proba-bly the most far-reaching set of proposals in the United States to overhaul the ways in with the school district serves gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and ques-tioning youth. The resolution was proposed by Commissioner Angie Fa, the only openly gay member of the board, after she attended the Youth Commission and Human Rights Commission

and Human Rights Commission hearing on LGBTQ youth September 26.

At the hearing, which included testimony from over 25 youth, many of whom reported bad treatment in public schools, Fa saw an immediate need for reform So form. So she, in conjunction with the Human Rights Commission and Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC), drafted the two-page resolution.

The resolution includes many sweeping changes that would be mandated if the resolution pass-

es this Tuesday. Among the most important elements of the resolution are the "total enforcement of the SFUSD anti-slur policy," insuring "adequate funding for LGBTQ youth needs," mandating

LGBTQ youth needs," mandating "sensitivity training for all elementary middle and high school faculty, staff, and administrators," and reviewing "curriculum for heterosexist bias and the incorporation of LGBTQ perspectives."

Proponents of the resolution are hopeful that it will pass. The biggest threat to the resolution was at the last school board meeting, when the resolution could have been buried in committee for months. Instead, a vote on the resolution was put on the on the resolution was put on the agenda for the October 22 meet-ing. Brian Cheu, a staff person of the Human Rights Commission, told the B.A.R., "I think the school board understands the importance of these issues, of

converting your life

really need them.

setting up these programs, and requiring these trainings."

A youth contingent is being assembled to attend the meeting assembled to attend the meeting and speak in favor of the resolution. "We need to make sure the community comes out [for the meeting] – gay and straight students, parents, and service providers," said Cheu. "We would encourage all members of the community who want to be surcommunity who want to be supportive of queer youth issues to show up at the meeting, or con-tact the board of education office and tell them how important this i."

Supervisor Tom Ammiano, a former member of the school board who has taken the lead in turning the recommendations of the queer youth hearing into action, plans to introduce a resolution to the Board of Supervisors in support of the school board proposal.



Ticket to ride: SFSB Commissioner Angle Fa (left) with the LYRIC contingent in the 1993 Pride Parade

Variety show to benefit Project 10 Saturday

by Cynthia Laird

roject 10, a group that brings gay and lesbian awareness to public schools in Sonoma County, is having its fourth annual variety show this Saturday, October 19 – and the producer promises no political announcements, just pure enter-

County favorite Sonoma Nancy Vogl will join members of Positive Images and PFLAG as the

Positive Images and PFLAG as the headliners for the event, which is Project 10's main fundraiser.

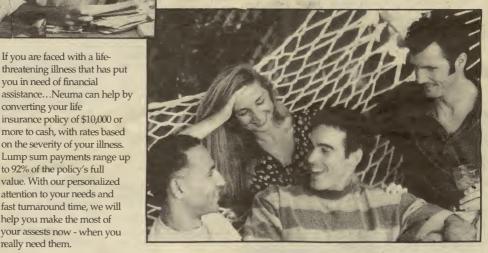
Prior to the variety show, people can donate food to Food for Thought, a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of persons

organization dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of persons living with AIDS or symptomatic HIV disease in Sonoma County.
Food drives will be held at the Lucky store in Montgomery Village, the Safeway store in the Sir Francis Shopping Center at Calistoga Road and Highway 12, and the Lucky store located on Lakeville in Petaluma. All locations will accept food from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Food for Thought provides weekly grocery bags of canned and boxed food, fresh produce, household incidentals, nutritional supplements, vitamins, and

al supplements, vitamins, and other items. ▼

Tickets for Project 10's variety show are \$10 per person. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Luther Burbank Center in Santa Rosa. For information, call (707) 824-8030. For more information about Food for Thought, call (707) 887-1647.

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BNE, AG arrest and book CBC founder

Lungren busts Peron

by Cynthia Laird

ollowing San Francisco Cannabis Buyers Club (CBC) founder Dennis (CBC) founder Dennis Peron's appearance in Alameda County Superior Court in Oak-land on Tuesday, October 15, Judge Larry J. Goodman granted a continuance for his arraignment on charges that stem from the sale of marijuana through the CBC.

Peron was arrested October 11 by state Bureau of Narcotic En-forcement (BNE) agents follow-ing a criminal conspiracy indict-ment that was handed down by an Alameda County grand jury. He was jailed for a short time be-fore being released on his own

recognizance.
Five other CBC members who Five other CBC members who were also indicted on felony charges appeared in court with Peron on Tuesday. Peter George Veilleux, Antonio Aguirre Martinez, John Wayne Hudson, Elizabeth Gail Moore, and Adam Mitchell Perry surrendered themselves to the court and were promptly released on their own recognizance by Goodman.

recognizance by Goodman.
Attorneys for the five argued that since Peron was released on his own recognizance by another judge, their clients should not be required to post bail. The state At-torney General's office, which is prosecuting the case, had set bail at \$25,000 each, said Randolph Daar, an attorney who represent-ed some of the defendants. Good-man did not need much convinc-

man did not need much convinc-ing as he released the defendants. "We're free," a relieved Peron said after the group's brief court appearance. "I'm so glad every-one's been OR'ed. The thought of Beth [Moore] and Adam [Perry] staying in jail. ... I feel a little bet-ter."

Both Moore and Perry suffer from AIDS, and Peron said he has been concerned about them.

been concerned about them. Moore had been in the hospital but is now at home, he added.

"I feel better now that I'm not going to jail today," Perry told the B.A.R. "I've been pretty stable for ten years, and this is the sickest I've felt since I don't have medicine".

Moore said she was not feeling well at all and said she felt the charges against her and the others are fabricated.

"The original idea was one of love and compassion for sick and dying people and trying to help



Dennis Peron: "We're free."

people live a little longer," Moore said of the CBC.

The indictment issued Octo-The indictment issued Octo-ber 8 by an Alameda County grand jury charges Peron, Veilleux, Martinez, Hudson, Moore, and Perry with possession of marijuana for sale, sale or transportation of marijuana, and conspiracy. All of the charges are

'The jury will acquit'

Following the group's appearance in court, Daar predicted all the defendants would be vindicated once the case goes to trial.

"If this goes to trial, the jury will acquit," Daar said. "I think it's obvious to everyone that it's a political ploy. The timing speaks for itself."

Peron agreed, saying his arrest smacks of an "October surprise" by state Attorney General Dan Lungren in an effort to derail Proposition 215, the medical mar-ijuana initiative Peron helped au-thor that is on the November bal-

Last Friday, Peron, 50, was ar rested by state Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) agents at his San Francisco home around 10 a.m. and whisked over to Santa Rita county jail in Dublin, where htta county fair in Dublini, where he remained for about eight hours until he was released on his own recognizance by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Ronald Sabraw.

Last week, Peron's attorney, J. David Nick, appeared in an Oak-

who was at Santa Rita. Peron told the B.A.R. that he was treated okay while at the jail, except for one guard calling him a "faggot." Since the August 4 raid of the

Cannabis Buyers Club by BNE agents, Peron and other CBC members have lived in anticipation of being arrested. None of the six who were indicted were

surprised by the action.

Peron was critical of the way Lungren timed the charges, so they would be handed down just a few weeks before the November 5 election. Lungren could have issued arrest warrants immediately following the raid in early August,

following the raid in early August, he observed.

"It feels like Dan Lungren's dirty tricks," Peron told the B.A.R.
"He returned guns to the militia, fined [former Los Angeles police detective] Mark Fuhrman \$200, and takes gambling money. Then he busts sick and dying people for the property of the pro using marijuana."

'Two-year investigation'

Lungren maintained at an October 11 news conference in Los Angeles that the charges against Peron and the others are the result of a two-year investigation by several law enforcement agencies. Lungren has previously charged the CBC sold marijuana to people who were not sick and to minors.

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"The charges contained in the indictment are very clear: conspiracy, possession of marijuana for sale, and the large scale transportation of marijuana. These are felonies under the California Penal Code and the Health and Safety Code, which I am sworn to enforce;" Lungren stated.

Peron denied he had sold marijuana to people who weren't sick or didn't have a diagnosis from a physician.

Everyone had a letter of diag-

"Everyone had a letter of diagnosis," Peron said.
Additionally, he disputed Lungren's claim that the CBC provided marijuana to children.
"We had four teenagers," Peron explained. "Two had leukemia and two had AIDS. All four had their parents' and doctors' permission, and they were brought in by their parents."
Steve Telliano, Lungren's press secretary, said he couldn't specifically comment about why the case was taken to an East Bay grand

was taken to an East Bay grand jury, but said the indictment points to crimes allegedly taking place in Alameda County.

The CBC had operated with

the unspoken approval of San Francisco law enforcement offi-cials since it opened in 1992. The club sold marijuana for medical use by people who suffered from AIDS, glaucoma, cancer, and other life-threatening illnesses. before it was ordered shut down by a San Francisco judge, the CBC served 12,000 people, Peron said. Lungren's decision to issue ar-rest warrants last week had a rip-

ple effect in Southern California, where the Los Angeles Cannabis Buyers Club suspended church-based distribution of medical marijuana. The club is only making deliveries until staff can com-plete a move into new quarters, aid Scott Imler, founder of the

said Scott Imler, founder of the LA buyers club.
"We had a BNE agent in our club last week," Imler told the B.A.R., adding it's not the first time agents have attempted to infiltrate the club.

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Prop. 215 debated:

Legal medical marijuana likely

by Terry Beswick

f Proposition 215, the medical marijuana initiative, passes on November 5 as predicted by recent polls, people may be able to use marijuana as a treatment with a little less concern that state At-torney General Dan Lungren might show up on their doorstep one morning and cart them off to jail in another county.

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But there are no guarantees.

Prop. 215 would exempt doctors and their patients from certain provisions of state marijuana laws for purposes of medical treatment. It would permit patients with a doctor's "written or oral recommendation" to "possess or cultivate" marijuana for the treatment of AIDS, cancer, "or any other illness for which marijuana

treatment of AIDS, cancer, "or any other illness for which marijuana provides relief."

Yet supporters and opponents agree that Prop. 215 would only provide a legal defense to patients. State narcotics officers could still arrest and charge people if they were suspected of using marijuana for non-medical purposes, or without a doctor's recommendation. In addition, sales of marijuana would still be illegal for all purposes under state law; most of the "buyer's clubs" in the state would still be breaking the law as currently operated.

rently operated.

And more importantly, if Prop. 215 passes, marijuana will still be classified as "Schedule 1," in the same category as heroin, speed, and LSD, by the federal

speed, and LSD, by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Possession, use, cultivation and sale of marijuana for any purpose will still be felonies.

Like the San Francisco Police Department, the DEA had investigated but declined to prosecute the San Francisco Cannabis Buyers. Club Leaving Lungson bed ers Club, leaving Lungren to do the job [see story, page 14]. But now the DEA has come out in opposition to Prop. 215, and may step up enforcement of federal

step up enforcement of tederal marijuana laws if it passes.

The main objection to Prop. 215 offered by Clinton Administration officials, from Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to White House Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey, is the supposed psychological effect passage would have on children

would have on children.

"Look, you're going to give the "Look, you're going to give the wrong signal and message to kids at a time when kids are increasingly using. Kids will start using, saying, 'It's all right for them, it's all right for me.' You've gotta have a clear message," DEA spokesperson Rogene Waite told the Bay Area Reporter. "Marijuana is a lot stronger today than it was back in the '60s, and there are harmful chemicals within marijuana."

chemicals within marijuana." In 1970, the Nixon administra-tion escalated the war on marijuana, re-classifying the drug as "Schedule 1," the category reserved for those with the "highest abuse potential," which have no therapeutic value, and are unsafe for medical use. Though marijua-na is not physically addictive, it

can be psychologically addicting. In 1992, the Bush Administration eliminated the only legal access left to people with a medical need for marijuana, discontinuing a growing program administered by the Food and Drug Adminis-tration (FDA). The Clinton ad-ministration has refused to renew

the program.

The "No on 215" campaign,



Steve Telliano

composed mostly of law enforcement and anti-drug groups, has raised very little funding compared to proponents, only \$30,000 compared to over \$1 million, according to campaign fi-nance statements. As a result, they have largely relied on garnering free media, through political en-dorsements and manipulating the media. A couple weeks ago, Lun-gren attacked the Donesbury

media. A couple weeks ago, Lungren attacked the Doonesbury comic strip for lampooning his campaign against 215.

"The Attorney General took on Doonesbury in order to raise awareness of the 215 campaign," admits Lungren press secretary Steve Telliano. While critics suggest his strategy has backfired, Telliano remains unrepentant. "The campaign against 215 which [Lungren] is involved in has no money, so while he may have taken a personal beating in letters to the editor and a few columns here and there, the overall effect has been to greatthe overall effect has been to greatly raise the visibility and the overall awareness of the initiative and

all awareness of the initiative and what it would do."

The most frequent complaint raised against Prop. 215 is that it would permit marijuana use not only by people with serious diseases like cancer and AIDS, but by people with "any other illness for which marijuana provides relief."

There is also concern that a doc-There is also concern that a doctor's oral recommendation, rather than a written prescription, would be considered adequate. "What we anticipate would hap-

pen in court is that everyone who is arrested on a marijuana charge if they are ill or not ill, if they were clearly smoking it for recreational purposes or not, would at the very least attempt to make a medicinal defense," Telliano said.

"I won't deny that it certainly

looks more open-ended than in

practice it really will be," responds Dave Fratello of Californians for Medical Rights, the chief cam-paign organization in favor of Prop. 215. "But for now the short-

rop. 215. But for now the short-est term step is to address Califor-nia's criminal law."

Fratello says the oral recom-mendation clause is an acknowl-edgment that it will still be illegal under federal law to write a pre-scription for marijuana. "It's effectively the same as a written recommendation because the way it takes effect is that ultimately the doctor's statement is subject to the scrutiny of the court."

Both sides say that it will be

necessary to develop new procedures to ensure appropriate enforcement of the law if Prop. 215

In order to abide by the letter of the law, the cannabis buyers clubs in San Francisco and Oakland say they are contemplating reforming as "growers' coopera-tives," modeling themselves after a similar group in Santa Cruz, the Wo/men's Alliance for Marijuana. Dennis Peron, founder of the San Francisco club and author of Prop. 215, said, "We'd cultivate it for them and sell it back to them at cost, and there would just be like co-op dues."

"Once it passes – and we anticipate a strong passage," said Assemblywoman Carole Migden, "we will be working hand-inhand with Senator-to-be Vasconcellos and others who will do their utmost to expedite a plan so that people can be provided with instant or immediate relief."

Lungren and Senator Dianne Feinstein, who held a press conference last week announcing her opposition to Prop. 215, both say they would support a new FDA review of marijuana to determine whether it is safe and effective as

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whether it is safe and effective as a medicine.

The problem with Feinstein's position is that FDA has in fact re-peatedly approved clinical re-search applications for marijuana, only to be blocked by DEA or by the National Institutes of Health, which refress to fund the research

which refuses to fund the research.
Telliano points out that FDA
has already approved Marinol, the nas aready approved Marinot, the unpopular synthetic oral drug ap-proved by FDA in 1992 for AIDS-related wasting. "But then there's the argument that it's hard to keep Marinol down if you're vomiting, in which case they are coming up with Marinol suppositories." ▼

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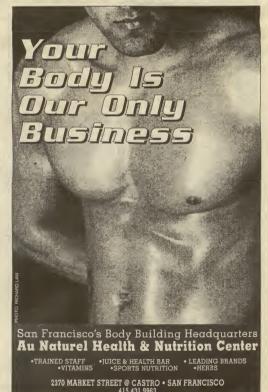
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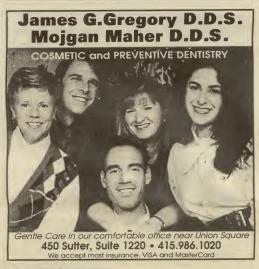
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Gay employees to meet in Sacramento for Progress summit

by Cynthia Laird

esbian and gay employee resource groups from around the country will gather in Sacramento October 18-20 for the second annual Progress Leadership Summit. This year's program will inspire and challenge participants to further de-velop leadership skills and knowledge to best meet the unique chal-lenges facing the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender commu-

The keynote address will be given by LuAnn Boylan, vice president, Southern California region for Pacific Bell Directory, Boylan will be speaking for the first time as an out and open lesbian executive.

For the group's plenary session, the speaker will be Muffin Spencer-Devlin, the first and only open lesbian in the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA).

David Crowther, one of those

helping to coordinate the event, said this year's summit will be attended by employees representing a variety of corporate, nonprofit, governmental, and academic emgovernmental, and academic employee organizations, including Apple Computer, Genentech, PG&E, Kaiser Permanente, San Diego State University, City of Los Angeles, Coors Brewing Company, Disney, and the United Way. The leadership summit will focus on providing leadership and organizing skills for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender employee resource group (ERG)

ployee resource group (ERG) leaders. Bay Area consultant Paula Jones will facilitate the event that Jones will facilitate the event that will include workshops, informal discussions, and networking. Sarah Fairchild and Randy De-Boer, co-chairs for the summit as

well as employees of Kaiser Permanente, described the impor-tance of the conference. "With the Employment Non-Discrimination Act recently missing passage by only one vote in the U.S. Congress, we are reminded that our good, hard work does make a difference, and yet we still have much work to do," they said.

'We see the civil rights movement currently being played out heavily in the workplace."

They added that the Progress Leadership Summit will provide a "highly dynamic and interactive enginy dynamic and interactive environment" for the over 100 participants expected to attend. The attendees will represent 50 different employers from throughout California and the

Organizers said that the sum-Organizers said that the summit will give workplace leaders necessary tools and skills so that they can further Progress's mission of making the American workplace safe and equitable for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

Progress is a nonprofit organization formed in 1005 In additional contents of the contents of

zation formed in 1995. In addi-

tion to the annual summit, the group has an accessible library containing information on do-mestic partner benefits, sample mission statements and by-laws for ERGs, sample non-discrimi-nation policies, and the Progress database. Progress has contacts with over 100 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender employee groups nationwide and provides information and resources to employees and employers on creating a positive workplace environment for all people.

The conference will be held at the Raddison Resort Hotel in Sacramento, beginning at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about Progress, write them at P.O. Box 712505, Los Angeles CA 90071-9998, or e-mail them at PROGRESSUS@aol.com

Dance away from politics with OOTI

by Cynthia Laird

ut on the Island (OOTI) will take a break from its political activities to host the group's second annual "Fall Dance" for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community and friends this Saturday, October 19 in Alameda.

this Saturday, October 19 in Alameda.

OOTI members urged people to celebrate Gay and Lesbian History Month with the group and "take a break from election work and stress" from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Alameda School of Dance Studio, located at 1402 Park Street near the corner of Central Avenue. The dance will feature a deejay, a 50/50 cash raffle, and a special raffle for new OOTI members. Beer, wine, and sodas will be sold.

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LIFE Lobby to celebrate tenth anniversary Sat

by Cynthia Laird

ssemblywoman Migden will be the honored guest at the LIFE Lobby's dinner on Saturday, October 19 in San Francisco, as the gay, lesbian, and AIDS lobbying group celebrates its accomplishments after

Formed in 1986, the LIFE (Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality) Lobby maintains a and Equativy) Lobby matriains a full-time presence in Sacramento to advocate, analyze, block, and defuse civil rights and healthcare legislation on behalf of all gay and lesbian Californians. San Francisco Mayor Willie

Brown will also be among the honorees at the dinner, as will other special guests, organizers

According to LIFE Institute According to LIFE Institute Chair Bob Craig, the lobby has accomplished a lot in ten years, although it has had setbacks: Governor Wilson vetoed AB 101, a bill that would have prohibited job discrimination based on sexual orientation, for which LIFE advocated in 1992. He also vetoed LIFE-backed domestic partner.

LIFE-backed domestic partner-ship rights legislation in 1995. LIFE more successfully advo-cated for AB 2601, which enacted employment protections for gays and lesbians in California. The or-ganization also mobilized vigor-



Assemblywoman Carole Migden

ous opposition to the 1996 bills that would have prevented same-sex marriages, and eventually the legislation died in the state Senate.

The group also killed anti-Project 10 bills, worked to defeat a

"traditional family values" bill, successfully fought a mandatory HIV testing bill, and killed a bill

HIV testing bill, and killed a bill criminalizing sexual activity of HIV-positive people.

Continuing its advocacy on behalf of the AIDS community, the LIFE Lobby sponsored bills to prohibit discriminatory practices by health insurers, plus employment and housing bias based on HIV status. HIV status.

"LIFE has been there as our community's voice for compassionate and comprehensive healthcare. It has stood tall for our civil rights as citizens of Califor-nia. And it has risen against those who would exclude us from the table of American Family Values,

Craig stated.

Craig noted that for the last decade, LIFE has been at the forefront of state budget negotiations, and has worked to fight budget cuts on behalf of all AIDS services. The lobbying group has also worked in coalition to legalize needle exchange programs, as well as to increase funding for breast cancer, and to pass housing rights bills.

Tickets for the dinner are \$100 and \$150. The banquet starts at 6 p.m. at the Radisson Miyako, located at 1625 Post Street. For more information call (916) 444-0424.

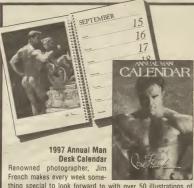
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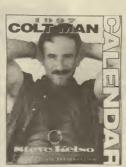
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Wigged out: Highbrow Society members (I to r) Don Adams, Michael Wolford, Bill Larsen and Will Roque prepare to honor the late, lamented Charlotta with an intense transformation ritual.

Brows to dance

by Dennis Conkin

he annual High Brow Society gala, a 15-year-old Castro area drag event, will kick off its pumps this Saturday, October 19th at 8:30 p.m. at Collingwood Park.

wood Park.

The Society's 1996 annual event will be a brief Collingwood Park memorial service to honor the passing of chimerical doyenne Charlotta Manure, who was first honored as the socialite grand dame of the event in 1985.

According to reports, the su-perstitious Manure drowned in a

this year at a Marin County spa.

The High Brow Society memorial service will also feature a Dixieland funeral band, an or-

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ganist, eulogies commemorating Charlotta, and a post-memorial funeral procession up a two-block

"We'll dump Charlotta's coffin in a pickup truck and then hit the bars," said Michael Wolford, cur-rent High Brow Society chair.

The Collingwood Park memorial will also mark the passing of Ray Hailey, who first became involved as a host of the group in 1985, and began chairing the event in 1990.

The event this year is definitely for remembering Ray, as well as many other past hosts claimed by the AIDS epidemic," Wolford said.

Seventy grand

The annual High Brow specta-cle for divas and dragsters first started in 1981 as a private party for a group of men who attended the same gym, but eventually be-came a popular community-wide AIDS and lesbian and gay community services fundraises

The annual gala was held for several years at the Cafe San Mar-

several years at the Cate San Mar-cos, but has moved to the more spacious Eureka Valley Recreation Center on Collingwood Street. The annual fundraiser, which drew thousands last year with its "Diva Las Vegas" theme, has raised more than \$70,000 for local

AIDS groups since its founding. High Brow Society members, many of whom are themselves HIV-positive and all of whom have lost friends and loved ones, also say they hope no one is offended by their Halloween season hijinks. "It is our belief that in this

"It is our belief that in this time of sorrow and testing of wills, we must face our situation head on, strong, and flaunting one of our great gay gifts: our sense of humor," Wolfred and other members of the group wrote in a statement about the event. "We plan on having a great time and are quite sure our departed friends are right there with us, tripping on their high heels and generally enjoying the party."

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and generally enjoying the party."
Sponsoring Castro bars this year include Metro, The Edge, Moby Dick, Castro Street Station, and Harvey's. Other sponsors include Piedmont Boutique, Elephant Circle Fine Art, Randall Schiller Productions, and Bredwell-Meyer Florists.

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GLSTN director to speak at BANGLE conference as part of seven-city tour

by Cynthia Laird

n recognition of October being Lesbian and Gay Histo-ry Month, the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) has announced a seven-city speaking tour featuring its ex-ecutive director in an effort to support local chapter activities. The tour will come to Union City

The tour will come to Union City on Saturday, October 26.
Kevin Jennings, GLSTN executive director, is the author of Becoming Visible: A Reader in Gay and Lesbian History for High School and College Students, the first-ever text on the subject for high school use. Jennings will present his slide show entitled "From Columbus to Clinton: 500 Years if America's Lesbian and Gay History," which illustrates material ry," which illustrates material from *Becoming Visible* using archival photos and other sources.

archival photos and other sources. Jennings's appearance in Union City will be at the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Edu-cators (BANGLE) conference. [See related story, page 21.] Additionally, Jennings plans to speak in Stockton on Thursday, October 24.

'I'm excited to take the show

"I'm excited to take the show on the road," Jennings said. Jennings, a former high school history teacher, added, "All les-bian/gay people need to know our history, it's critical to our sense of self-worth and belonging in this country. And our straight friends need to know it too, sit will belone need to know it too, as it will help

them understand and appreciate what we have contributed to this

nation's history."

Other cities on the tour include New York; Charlotte, North Carolina; Atlanta; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Chicago; and Providence, Rhode Island. All presentations are open to the general public,

Jennings said.
"I believe all kinds of people -high school students, lesbian and agy adults, history teachers, and so forth - would benefit from the information presented," he said. "I promise it won't be like those dry, boring classes you sat through in high school!"

In a related effort, GLSTN an-nounced the availability of its 1996 Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual History Month curriculum pack-et, which includes a bibliography, curriculum materials such as a curriculum materials such as a timeline and a quiz, and ideas for ways in which history month might be celebrated in both schools and in the broader com-

with over 40 chapters and a membership of over 4,000 teachers, parents, and concerned citizens, GLSTN is the largest national organization working to ensure that schools are places where all that schools are places where all people are respected and valued, regardless of sexual orientation.

For more information about Jennings' appearance at the BANGLE conference, call (510)

Hawaii marriage lawyer Wolfson to speak at PFLAG/New Main lecture Wednesday

by Cynthia Laird

he James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center has joined with Parents, Fami-lies, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) to sponsor a free lecture and discussion series at the city's New Main Library. Samesex marriage will be the topic at the next lecture, this Wednesday, October 23.

The series, entitled "PFLAG Talks," features nationally recognized historians, political leaders, and cultural figures. It is presented especially for those who would like to learn more about their gay and lesbian family members friends, and neighbors, and the issues they face.
Evan Wolfson, director of the

Marriage Project of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, will be the featured speaker on Wednesday. He will discuss up-to-the-minute legal actions regard-ing same-sex marriage, as well as its political and cultural implica-

professor of medicine and author Abraham Verghese, MD will read from his best-selling memoir, My Own Country, an account of his HIV/AIDS medical practice in a

small East Tennessee community.

Three more free lectures will be held in the spring, library staff



LLDEF's Evan Wolfson

Both of the upcoming lectures will start at 7 p.m. in the Koret Auditorium, located on the lower level of the New Main. ▼

For more information about PFLAG, contact Dora Goldstein at (415) 328-0852. For more information about the San Francisco Public Library, call Eleanor Shapiro, community relations, at (415) 557-4282.

Gay, lesbian educators to meet at BANGLE confab in East Bay

by Cynthia Laird

tate Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin will give the keynote address at the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators (BANGLE) Conference next Sat-

urday, October 26 in Union City. This is the second year that BANGLE is holding a confer-

ence.

BANGLE and another organi-BANGLE and another organization, the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teacher Network (GLSTN), sponsor conferences for educators throughout the country on gay and lesbian student issues. This will be the first time a state superintendent will address such a conference, according to BANGLE officials.

Organizers expect over 600 participants at the conference.

"Eastin's presence underscores the fact that more and more educators recognize the

more educators recognize the many terrible risks gay and les-bian students face in schools," said Grant Peterson, BANGLE

He cited a proclamation that was unanimously passed by the Alameda County Board of Edu-cation last March that urged all school districts to begin to ad-dress needs of their gay and les-

school districts to begin to address needs of their gay and lesbian students.

This year's day-long conference will feature over 40 workshops, including "Why Schools Need to Address Homophobia and Heterosexism," "Preparing a Teacher Inservice," "Support Services for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth," and "The Rights of Gay Teachers."

Pam Walton, a Bay Area filmmaker, will show and lead a discussion of her film Gay Youth.

According to a 1989 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report, gay, lesbian, and bisexual teenagers are three times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers, comprising 30 percent of all teen suicides.

comprising 30 percent of all teen suicides.
Additionally, gay, lesbian, and bisexual teens are six times more likely to use drugs and alcohol, and make up 25 percent of all homeless/street youth in the United States.

"The need is great and well-documented," Peterson stated.
"It's high time our local schools stop ignoring this underserved segment of the school popula-

segment of the school popula-tion. Eastin's leadership will be very influential."

The cost for the conference is \$25 for students, \$35 for BAN-GLE members, and \$45 for nonmembers if registered by Mon-day, October 21. The cost will be higher the day of the conference. ▼

The BANGLE conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at James Logan High School, 1800 H Street in Union City. Educators and others interested in attending should contact BANGLE at (510) 234-



Superintendent Delaine Eastin's address will open the Oct. 26 conference.

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National fundraising advocacy group names **Shattuck president**

by Cynthia Laird

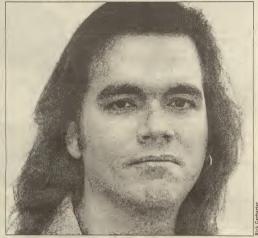
he National Alliance for Choice in Giving (NACG), a coalition advocating for greater choices beyond the Unit-ed Way in workplace fundraising campaigns, has appointed Jim Shattuck, executive director of Oakland's Progressive Way, to be president of its board of directors. The move reinforces the national group's commitment to speaking out about anti-competitive practices often found in Unit-ed Way-dominated markets. he National Alliance for

ed Way-dominated markets.

"We are committed to realiz-an authentic diversity in workplace giving campaigns across the country," said Deb Furry, NACG director. "As a result of the presence of real alternatives and an expanded diversity of choices in workplace community giving programs, contributions from employees to their commu-

in recent years.

"Donors are insisting on greater choices of nonprofits, beyond the historical human service-only focus, and they have demonstrated a desire to give through newer, less bureaucratic



Jim Shattuck: "We're talking about democratizing philanthropy."

federations," Furry added.

The Progressive Way in Oakland, where Shattuck has been director since 1994, is typical of newer federations active in the

workplace giving market.
"We're about democratizing philanthropy," Shattuck said.
"When donors have represented choices that reach all across the spectrum, they can and do make wise decisions about how best to wise decisions about how best to make an impact in their own community. Our job at the feder-ation level is to present good in-formation and provide a mecha-nism for routing a donor's con-tribution to the community agency of their choosing. Facili-tate the match, then stay out of

tate the match, then stay of the way."

In 1994, Shattuck took the United Way of the Bay Area to task for what he believed to be their anti-competitive practices. In response to efforts by United Way to capitalize on campaign fissal management services at two cal management services at two cat management services at two city campaigns, adding additional overhead costs of more than 11 percent, Shattuck led a coalition to inform the public of the un-necessary cost hike.

As a result, both campaigns, the city of Oakland, and the city

and county of San Francisco have returned to a cooperative and less costly model for campaign man-

"When people learn that com-petition among federations keeps everyone honest and costs as low

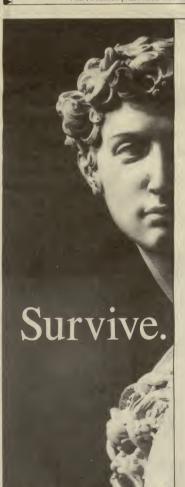
everyone honest and costs as low as possible, they enthusiastically support greater choices in their campaign," said Shattuck.

Developing workplace fundraising campaigns characterized by employee ownership and a full range of charitable choices has not come easily in a field dominated by United Way, according to Furry at NACG.

"The good news is that more and more employers are excited about diversifying their campaigns. Time and again, greater

about diversiying their cam-paigns. Time and again, greater choice has proven good for the company, the employees, and the community," Furry said. "Jim's successful efforts in the Bay Area help inform our struggles for greater diversity and employee ownership across the country."

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Clinton sneaks to Quilt

by Bob Roehr

ill Clinton visited The Quilt late on Friday afternoon. The president did not; it is a

distinction worthy of note.

The man and his wife had a day off on October 11 to celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary. There were no official events, the White House calendar was blank. And so when the man stepped upon the Mall, after even strag-glers had left the White House

press office to begin a long holiday weekend, it was without the entourage of media that normally records presidential actions and

records presidential actions and transmits them to America.

A presidential visit to The Quilt would have topped the evening television news. There was no such story. Thus the White House staged the event so as to avoid lending the power and prestige of the office to the visit, to avoid linking Clinton's name with AIDS before the broad American

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At the same time, it allows his At the same time, it allows his supporters to tout the visit and score points with targeted gay and AIDS audiences through word of mouth and the community press. As Quilt co-founder Cleve Jones gushed, "I've been trying for nine years to get a president to visit The Quilt, and it finally happened. It was the greatest moment in my life."

in my life."

The pattern of subterfuge, of avoiding the mainstream press when speaking on gay or AIDS issues, is one the Clinton administration practices regularly.

At the April 1993 meeting with gay and lesbian leaders, only the official White House photographer was allowed to record the eyent.

er was allowed to record the event and eventually release a photo. There was no standard photo opportunity for the media. And at the end of the meeting the visitors were shunted out a side door. No

visuals, no lead story.

Last December the President spoke movingly of AIDS to a sequestered White House Conference on that subject. Yet a month later in his State of the Union Address to the American people, he ignored AIDS.

Ignored AIDS.

Most recently he signed the Defense of Marriage Act in the dead of night on a weekend, to downplay media attention.

As Jeff Getty of ACT UP/Gold-

en Gate said, America does not need a man who furtively sneaks to The Quilt. America needs a president who will lead the fight against AIDS with the power and prestige of that office. It is still waiting.



D.C. drama: The AIDS Quilt graced the nation's capital this past weekend, drawing thousands to what was probably its final showing

Quilt weekend

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full, and the numbers are numbers no more, they are Melvin, and Dusty, and George. They are friends and strangers who you now know. And they are gone ... long, long before their time.

You listen with a half turned gear as views sound from stations.

ear as voices sound from stations along the perimeter intoning those names ... "and my beautiful grandson Paul, age four, dead of AIDS." A low gasp becomes a moan and rises as one from the

Different, somehow

Grief seems to lay a gentler hand upon these pilgrims than it first did in 1987. Then it seemed that each block had a clutch of family, a couple locked together, a lamily, a couple locked together, a lone man, tears staining their faces, body tight with spasms. It was as if this was the only place they could grieve an illness kept secret, a loss not fully explained, a

burden unshared.
Grief has not departed The
Quilt, but it seems less frequent, less gripping. The secret of AIDS and its loss is no longer bottled up for release only in sanctuaries such as this. It is talked about, and explained, and shared when it happens. This is one indication of how AIDS has become "normal-ized" within American society. And so the tone has shifted. Be-fore grief seemed to crowd out all

other responses, now there is room for more at The Quilt.
Midway along the expanse of panels sits the red brick Victorian castle of the Smithsonian. It evokes a custom of that era, their evokes a custom of that era, their affinity for cemeteries where alle-goric monuments of stone and bronze drew society to stroll grav-eled pathways to contemplate truth, and beauty, and death

The Quilt is, perhaps unknowingly, our reincarnation of that spirit. It is more democratic in its homilies, more ephemeral in its materials, but today's visitors seem to bring much the same sen-sibility of our Victorian predecessors. They ponder the artful stitchery, marvel at the stories, and contemplate their own mortality. It is a fusion of folk art and high art with a lesson of our own mortality.

'Join, fight, vote'

The days and nights are a jumble of events. It seems that each and every organization has scheduled a conference, a service, a

fundraiser, a protest around this gathering.
On Saturday afternoon thou-

sands join Hands Around the Capitol in a symbol of the need for continued action on AIDS. "Join hands. Fight AIDS. Vote," rings from their lips. Perhaps the most festive link in the chain is the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, that transvestigal clan from San Francisco.

At its conclusion they gather on a plaza of the Capitol to "exorcise demons" from the building in a call and response. "The first demon is the demon of hypocrisy, demon is the demon of hypocrisy, of working for the people of America but not all the people, we cast thee out demons." And the crowd joins with their voices, "Out demons" – followed by snapping fingers – "Begone. You have no power here."

The liturgy continued through "disinformation and lack of access."

"disinformation and lack of access to healthcare for all," "self-loathing and homophobia," "Newt Gingrich," and the "sloth" of Bill Clinton, "who still has a lot of room for improvement."

The service continues with, "Go and sin some more."

Now it is night. The Mall is a river of flickering candlelight flowing slowly westward. It parts at the tall lit shaft of the Washington Monument, then rejoins and lines both sides of the reflecting pool, down to embrace the Lincoln Memorial. The crowd roars like some giant beast heard from afar. It is impossible to count them. Hundreds of thousands, so many that organizers long since

ran out of candles.

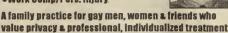
Words from the stage and images from the large telescreens cannot match the drama of humanity all around. Up close those small flames paint faces from below with the familial warmth of old Dutch masterpieces. It is from a bygone era when man's humanity, not his industry, lit the dark. But here, on the stygian vastness of the Mall, we see that light still shines within.

"We also light the darkness against ignorance, homophobia, and bigotry," said DC Congress-woman Eleanor Holmes Norton from the distant stage

from the distant stage.

"Let none of us lose our determination," urged actress Judith Light. She chose the words of poet Dylan Thomas. "Do not go gentle into that good night. Old age should burn and rage at close of day. Rage, rage against the dying of the light."

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ACT UP dumps ashes of AIDS dead on White House lawn

by Bob Roehr

around the country staged a political funeral the last day of Quilt Weekend, October 13, scattering ashes of their dead on the White House lawn and calling on President Clinton to lead in the fight against AIDS.

The group assembled in sight of the Capitol at a corner of those memorial panels spread across the Mall. Snare drums beat a steady, solemn tattoo as they marched under the trees along

marched under the trees along the northern length of the Quilt, and their numbers swelled to a thousand. Many bore small jars or plastic bags. Their lovers and friends were gone, reduced to the fine gray powder they carried in outstretched hands.

The column wheeled into full sun near the Washington Monu-

They spied Newt Gingrich ambling along 15th Street. A brief verbal exchange became heated and the Speaker of the House was hustled into a blue van and driven away. The parting words of one protester rang out, "Fuck you,

scumbag."

They turned onto Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White
House and the energy level rose.
"U.S. Government, you can't
hide/We charge you with genocide," they chanted. "Bring our
dead to your door/We won't take
it anymore." it anymore.

thanymore."

The last few hundred feet turned into a virtual assault, as the crowd raged and surged to the wrought iron fence surrounding the grounds. The air filled with puffs of gray as hands reached through the fence and fists hurled leaden ashes over its top. Protesters and media alike grew flecked with hoary consequences of the



Gray grass: Demonstrators pelted Bill Clinton's finely manicured lawn with the ashes of the dead.

Stephen Hardway threw a small jar containing ashes of John Whitmore, his lover who died a year and a half ago. He was quickly hustled away by police but later released.

"I had to do it for John," said "I had to do it for John," said the native of Oklahoma City. He wore the broad, open good looks of middle America upon his face. "I've seen too many people die, and scattering the ashes was just not enough for me. I wanted to put it on Bill Clinton's yard." Eric Sawyer with ACT UP/Golden Gate told the crowd, "We have lacked presidential. leadership since the beginning of this AIDS crisis, it's about time we had some."

"We must stop The Quilt from growing," said San Franciscan Bill Thorn. The list of six actions in-Inorn. The list of six actions in-cluded guaranteeing access to lifesaving drugs like protease in-hibitors; focusing research to-wards a cure; and lifting the ban on needle exchange to help re-

duce the spread of AIDS.

The ACT UP manifesto read,
"Bill Clinton has broken most of his 1992 promises on AIDS. Rather than offer the 'loud, clear and consistent leadership' he pledged, Clinton has done just what he condemned Bush for.... After 15 years of genocide, willful ignorance and – under this president – 'caring' without action, we demand real presidential leader-ship from whoever occupies the White House."

ACT UP zaps PhRMA

ACT UP accused the pharmaceutical industry of "price gouging AIDS patients for drug therapies" in a report released October 11 and a demonstration at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association (PhRMA) in Washington, DC.

"We die, they make money," and "No access, no hope, no peace. ACT UP," the group shouted on its march to the PhRMA office and a spirited protest culimitating with a "die-in."

ACT UP/Golden Gate conducted a "market basket" survey of retail prices for five variations of standard drug therapies for a person living with AIDS. It found the cost ranging from \$11,985 for the simplest, minimum anti-HIV combination, to \$19,500 – not including doctor's fees or the projected \$2,000 for recommended blood tests in conjunction with these therapies.

Bill Thorne of San Francisco said, "Tens of thousands of people are going to be added to The Quilt who don't need to be, if the government and the drug companies do not do something about the incredibly high prices of anti-HIV drugs."

We helped reduce the time to approval – and hence the development costs—said New Yorker Mark Milano. "But the more we reduce the time to market, the more they raise their prices. These people are making profits off my back and the backs of everyone living with AIDS in America. We are drawing a line in the sand. We are telling them that we insist they roll back their prices."

The pharmaceutical industry historically has been the most profitable sector in the Americane conomy, with profit margins at least twice the average.

"This is the most powerful, influential, and richest nation in the world," said Chris Bates, executive director of the DC CARE Con-

world," said Chris Bates, executive director of the DC CARE Constraint on the More of the American public is, join us in bringing pressure on the drug companies, through the Congress and through your local activism, so that we can get reasonable prices for these drugs and we can improve the quality of life for American citizens living with HIV."

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Creating an Expanded Access Program for Viracept

Will the fourth protease inhibitor be #1 by spring?

by G'dali Braverman ACT UP/Golden Gate Writers Pool

n mid-June 1996, Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. invited 25 HIV activists, advocates, and newsletter writers to a meeting at the company's headquarters in La Jolla, California. This meetvas intended as an opportu nity for Agouron to share current data on its protease inhibitor, Viracept (also known as Nelfi-All Alba Conference for the Vancouver AIDS Conference. For seven of these activists, the meeting was seen as a setting in which they could impress upon Agouron the necessity for a Viracept Expanded Access Program (EAP) for people with AIDS. At a follow-up meeting in Vancouver the Adesira of ing, in Vancouver, the design of the Viracept EAP was hammered

As of September 16, 1996, patients have been able to call 1-800-621-7111 to get information and patient brochures on the EAP. Physicians can also contact the same 800 number in order to register as participating practitioners. Although you may not be eligible to receive Viracept at this time, it's important to note that activists collaborated with Agouron to de

sign a program that is intended to sign a program that is intended to become more flexible and inclu-sive with each coming month prior to the projected FDA ap-proval of Viracept, sometime dur-ing the Spring of 1997.

Who can get Viracept now?

Initially the EAP is open to PWAs who are older than 13, have a T-cell (CD4) count of less than 50 within the last 90 days, and have either been unable to tolerate or benefit from any of the currently approved protease in-hibitors (Saquinavir, Crixivan, and Ritonavir). Unlike previous protease EAPs, the Viracept pro-gram does not involve a lottery system. Strong activist objections to such mechanisms for drug access will have hopefully buried the "lottery" as an option in future drug development.

Another patient-and-doctor-endly feature of the Viracept EAP is that there is no require-ment for additional jabs to be drawn to confirm that patient's T-cells are indeed less than 50. This is an important consideration. Perhaps you are someone whose CD4 was less than 50 two months ago and you are now on your third approved protease inhibitor. You may benefit from that protease (by experiencing a CD4 in-

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crease or viral load reduction), but perhaps the side-effects of that therapy are too difficult to varrant your continuing on that

Your doctor can use these older (but recent) lab results to enroll you in this program.
Similarly, your doctor need only state that the existing protease inhibitor drugs are not options for you. Agouron is not asking for additional documenta tion or explanation. Ac tivists were adamant about creating a pro-gram which does not place a burden of place a burden of proof and paperwork for physi-

cians. The program also offers your physician the time-saving benefit of a National IRB (Institutional Review Board): a body which provides the green light for which provides the green light for doctors to access unapproved therapies such as Viracept. Traditionally, local IRBs have been sluggish. In some geographic regions IRBs are simply not accessible to practitioners who may not be HIV specialists.

Who else could get Viracept before approval?

As of October 1, Viracept was

available and ready to be shipped to physicians for their enrolled patients. ACT UP/GG and The Living Well Project/Asian Pacific Islanders AIDS Services are in touch with Agouron on a weekly basis, as part of an agreed upon plan to loosen the current eligi-

bility criteria. If enrollment during October is under-whelming, activists and Agouron have agreed

Agouron have agreed that previous treatment with Saquinavir will be dropped as part of the eligibility criteria.

Other criteria, such as CD4, may also be loosened to include patients at less than 100 T-cells, pending the level of community and physician response during these early weeks of the EAP. of the EAP.

For this reason we encourage patients to dialogue with their physicians about getting regis-tered as participating practition-ers as soon as possible. As of the end of September, no patients had been enrolled, but 450 doctors requested Physicians Binder, and 869 calls were fielded through the 800 number. Of these calls, 330

About the drug

In a series of small Phase II studies, Viracept appeared to be both safe and efficacious. The Agouron EAP will provide Viracept in 250pps tables of which 2 Agouron EAP will provide Viracept in 250mg tablets, of which 3 (750mg total) will need to be taken every 8 hours with food. In studies of Viracept alone, or either taken with d4T or the combination AZT/3TC, the most frequently reported side-effect was diarrhea. Most patients who experienced diarrhea reported it as being mild or moderate. However, between 10-30% of patients reported moderate to severe diarrheared. ported moderate to severe diarrhea. Some of these patients were on the higher dosage of 1,000mg every eight hours. This dosage will not be used in the EM.

Data on 12 patients taking

AZT/3TC with Viracept was re-leased in Vancouver. After four months all 12 patients had reducmonths ail 12 patients nad reduc-tions in viral load to levels less than 25 copies. The patients also had an average T-cell increase of 100. Impressive results were also seen in patients receiving Viracept with d4T. Once again, early data on 33 patients showed both greater viral reduction and T-cell increases for patients receiving d4T/Viracept combo over pa-

d4T/Viracept combo over pa-tients receiving d4T alone. Although Viracept has been studied in more than 500 patients, there is very limited data on resis-tance. Preliminary data suggest that patients who develop Vira-cept resistance are still likely to benefit from other protease. If this remains true, Viracept may prove to be a good first option once ap-

to be a good first option once approved next year. However, this bears little relevance to patients entering the EAP at this time.

The patient brochure, which is available by calling 1-800-621-7111, provides additional information on medications that cannot be taken with Viracept. This brochure will also be revised as the EAP evolves and changes.

Finally, women with HIV should know that this program will not exclude pregnant women. However, additional approval is needed from a local RIB and separate consent forms will be utilized.

rate consent forms will be utilized. Women should also be aware of the fact that to date there have not been studies of Viracept in preg-nant women or of the effects of oral contraception of Viracept lev-els in patients' blood. Nevertheless, activists pushed to assure that this program would be inclusive of women and made available to them through settings outside of traditional primary care. V

If you or your physician have any difficulty accessing Viracept, please contact ACT UP/Golden Gate at (415) 252-9200. ACT UP/ Fight Back/ Fight AIDS.





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Authors featured at 'Invisible Government' forum

by Terry Beswick

he Network Against War & Fascism and the Emergency Reoctober 19 from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. called the "National Conference on the Invisible Government: AIDS, War, Genocide, and State Repression."

Featured speakers include Dr. Leonard Horowitz, author of the recently published Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola - Nature, Accident, or Genocide?, Dr. Alan Cantwell, Jr., MD, author of Queer Blood, The Secret AIDS Genocide Plot; and Dennis Peron, co-author of Brownie Mary's Marijuana Cook Book and Dennis Peron's Recipe

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According to event organizer Paul Bernardino, the forum will be the "first time in the history of the United States when these two scientists [Horowitz and Cantwell] will be in front of a live audience on the subject of the origin of AIDS."

ence on the subject of the origin of AIDS.

The forum, at the Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 1668
Bush Street (at Gough), will open with live punk rock music and
close with a question-and-answer session with the speakers. The
authors will also be on hand for a book-signing. ▼

A \$5 donation is being requested at the door. For more information, call (415) 776-2372.

Group protests newspaper's coverage of TS health coverage issue

by Cynthia Laird

bout 20 members of Transexual Menace, Transexual Menace Men, and their sup-porters held a demonstration in front of the San Francisco Chronicle office Tuesday, October 15 to bring attention to what they say is inflammatory coverage surrounding the plan to study health care cover-age for transsexual city employees.

The protesters carried signs reading, "No more transphobic

issue be studied.

Additionally, Green cited Chronicle cartoonist Phil Frank's "Farley," which featured a cat wanting to be changed into a dog and asking a doctor, "How long is the paid medical leave on this operation?"

"This cartoon describes us as less than human. We all know that people take advantage of medical coverage. The damage about the cartoon is that the character is less than human," Green said. "We don't like being characterized that way."

ed the Matier and Ross column.
"He said it [the column] was
not intended as a slam," Green said,
adding they told the editor their concerns that the story perpetuated stereotypes and ignorance of the transsexual community.

Kiki Whitlock, a post-opera-tive transsexual/bisexual woman, agreed. Whitlock is a member of the HRC advisory committee that requested the issue be examined. "I definitely denounce the negative articles written by newspapers, including the *Chronicle*," Whitlock told the *B.A.R.* "People should get the facts and education and put out all sides of the story and not sensa-tionalize our concerns."

In addition to the coverage by

the *Chronicle*, Green and other protesters were upset by an Associated Press story about the issue. In that report, Green said, the AP wrote that there are 6,000 trans-sexuals living in San Francisco, and characterized the need for healthcare as the demand of a

special interest group.

Transexual Menace and Transexual Menace Men members said there are 6,000 transgendered people in the city – of which transsexuals are only a small portion – according to social service agency estimates. ▼



Transexual Menace and friends picket at Fifth and Mission October 15

cartoons, no more transphobic articles," and walked in front of the newspaper's office at Fifth and Mission streets for about an hour. The issues, said James Green, a

founding member of Transexual Menace Men, concerned a column by Phillip Matier and Andrew Ross published in the Chronicle last month, concerning discussions by city officials that healthcare coverage for transsexual city workers be explored by a city health adminis-trative board. The Human Rights Commission (HRC) requested the

Green said that of the approximately 25,000 city employees, he knows of only seven who are transsexual, and pointed out that not all of them might want to

have sex reassignment surgery.
"We wanted an opportunity to
get our message out," Green said
of the demonstration. "We're very
tired of the media just taking our
serious issues and making jokes."

On a positive note, Green said he and others met October 14 with a deputy city editor at the newspaper who admitted he edit-

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Supervisor candidates to discuss AIDS tonight

by Dennis Conkin

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p.m. Candidates will answer questions about AIDS/HIV services and public policy issues from the

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Richard Lee Blackwell Sept. 2, 1965 - Sept. 13, 1996



After a long and rageous battle, After a long and courageous battle, Richard left us on Sept. 13. He died in his Redwood City home with his mother, Jeanne Lloren; partner, Rob; and close friends at his bed-side.

side.

Richard was born in Dallas and
lived most of his life in the Bay Area. He
was a bartender in the South Bay during
the late '80s and worked as a delivery
driver until becoming disabled two
years ago.

driver until becoming disabled two years ago.

Richard was a very giving person.

He took great pleasure in helping raise money for ELIPSE, caring for his cats and choosing just the right gift for his nieces and nephews, who were the great joys of his life. His ability to lighten the mood was always a great source of relief and comfort for those around him. Although we will all miss him deeply, his long suffering has ended, and we know he will always be with us.

His family wants to express appreciation (as would Richard) to all who helped him through his final weeks, especially the Visiting Nurses Association

and Catholic Charities of San Mate County. Their visits came to be the highlight of his day.

Don Edward Kuret March 22, 1946 - Sept. 12, 1996



Second-genera-tion native Cali-fornian. Attended Tam High, C.O.M., alumnus UCSC.

alumnus UCSC.

Major:
sociology/psychology. Foreign language: French.
Around the world
traveler. Qualified
appraiser, designer/owner of Don Kuret
Jewelers. Well-known, respected Antique Center furniture expert. Gourmet
cook, generous host. Favored partner,
happy dancer at the Rawhide. Good
friend. Ten-year volunteer at Rita Rockett's Sunday brunch at SFGH's 5A.
Caregiver/lover of Jeremiah until his
passing.

Caregiver/lover of Jeremiah until his passing.

Don passed peacefully at home in San Francisco, as he wished. With him were his longtime friend, Ferry; beloved dog, Goldie; and mom, Jean. He is also survived by a sister, Jennifer, and his father, Marvin of Marin.

We give thanks for the life of our beloved Don and for the privilege of having us with him for a while. He will be sadly missed but loved and remembered always.

A special thanks to all the supportives who made the last years in his own home possible. A private memorial will be held Oct, 20. Call 415/469-5889 for details.

John Charles Olaf Aug. 27, 1958 - Oct. 4, 1996



John Charles
Olaf, 38, died Oct. 4
at his residence in
San Francisco. John
was born in
Danville, Penn, to
Henry and Rita
(Augustine) Olaf,
currently of Kulpmont, Penn. He
was a 1976 gradu-

ate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Shamokin, Penn., and attended Edinboro State College and the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. He was a longtime resident of San Francisco and was employed by Macy's as a visual merchandising designer.

John was preceded in death by his brother, Michael of Los Angeles. He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Robert of Danville, Penn., and Jeffrey of Allentown, Penn.; three nephews; and his many friends in the Bay Area, including Susan Rossman of Oakland and Darwin McCredie of San Francisco. A memorial Mass will be held at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Kulpmont at a later date.

James Lawrence Simpson Nov. 12, 1949 - Sept. 7, 1996



passed away from AIDS complica-tions on Sept. 7, surrounded by his

surrounded by his family and close friends. He is survived by Michael, his partner of 12 years; his mother and Bob; and his siblings, Teri, Maryann, Kitty and Rob.

Jim was a travel agent with Anderson Travel up until two years ago when his illness forced him to go on disability. Nonetheless, he treasured his vacations in various parts of the world and claimed the last years of his life with inspiring vigor. His slapstick sense of humor and deep loyalty to friends, along with his compassionate caretaking of friends whe area. humor and deep loyalty to friends, along with his compassionate caretaking of friends who crossed before him, are only part of the shining testament of a life lived richly, albeit priefly. Drawing upon the Aztec/Nahualt tradition, Michael believes that Jim has gone to that place "wherein-in-some-way-one-still-exists." It's possible that place is loving memory.

ing memory.

Donations in Jim's memory may be made to AIDS Benefit Counselors or the AIDS Memorial Grove. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 26. Call Michael at 415/826-2916 for details.

Sex clubs

ogy, Disease Control and AIDS stated that he hoped that the various parties were "near the point of consensus" and could move forconsensus" and could move for-ward with the legislation. Housh noted that this "pioneering" legis-lation "creates for the first time in this country – perhaps in the world – regulations that recognize the entity of a commercial sex club." The text of the legislation recognizes that "When properly operated, commercial sex clubs assist, rather than impede, the city's efforts to control the spread of AIDS, as well as other sexually transmitted diseases.

The proposed legislation, which adds a new article to the municipal adds a new article to the municipal health code, will create a new per-mit process for commercial sex clubs. The legislation defines a commercial sex club as "any com-mercial establishment ... that encourages patrons to engage in, or to watch other patrons engaging in, sexual activities on the premises." A commercial establishment is one which admits people "upon payment of a fee or charge, whether that fee or charge is made at the time of admission or otherwise."

Sexual activity is defined as "masturbation, vaginal or anal intercourse, oral-genital stimulation, and the insertion of any part of the body or any object into the vagina or anus."

The purpose of the legislation is to ensure that operators and staff of commercial sex clubs "take reasonable steps to prevent or stop patrons from engaging in activities that can spread the [HIV] virus or other diseases." The legislation includes proeases. The legislation includes pro-visions concerning safer sex sup-plies, education of patrons about HIV/AIDS, training of staff, light levels, accessibility of private spaces, and monitoring. The issue of lighting and monitoring were particularly contentious, and several CHS meetings were spent debating de-tails. The proposed legislation states that the interior of all rooms and booths must be visible to monitors, and that doors may not lock (with the exception of bathrooms).

Financial hardships?

The law requires that a public hearing be held when a new sex club applies for a permit; existing clubs will be "grandfathered" out of this requirement, although they will have to obtain a permit. A po-tential sticking point is the appli-cation of the legislation to closed parties and traveling "occasional" clubs that hold events in various locations. The proposal requires that a separate permit be obtained for each venue used, which could be a financial hardship for small, not-for-profit sex-oriented events. Commercial sex clubs will continue to be subject to existing build-ing code and Fire Department as-sembly requirements. Alcohol con-sumption will not be allowed in sex clubs. Venues such as massage parlors and strip clubs are regulated under separate legislation.

Much discussion has taken

Much discussion has taken place over the past several months concerning which unprotected sex acts should be prohibited and how to ensure that these acts do not occur. In order to keep the legislation flexible, issues such as which specific safer sex supplies are to be provided, which specific sex acts are to be prohibited, and how often monitors must observe now often monitors must observe each area, will be left out of the legislation and will instead be specified in guidelines put forth by the DPH. This will allow for changes as conditions warrant for example the introduction of the Reality internal condom or new information about HIV transmission - without necessi-tating the long and arduous the Reality internal condom

process of altering the law.

Housh made an analogy between sex club regulations and restaurant regulations: while there are certainly numerous rules governing health and safety, officials "don't tell people what to eat or how to eat it."

Housh noted that a major purpose of the legislation is to put commercial sex club operators "on a level playing field." Everyone will know the regulations and proce-dures, and will be subject to peri-odic inspection (at least three times per year) to ensure that they are in compliance. Currently there are no specific rules for safe club operation. Inspections are irregular and unpredictable, and have at times been conducted following combeen conducted following com-plaints from rival club operators. Housh recognized that it is "diffi-cult to do business if one does not know what the rules are." The goal, Housh claimed, is to create "good clean rules for everybody that are workable and functional for those who have to live under them."

Up to now the legislation has been discussed and modified primarily by members of the CSH and the DPH, although CSH meetings are open to the public. meetings are open to the public.
At the Tuesday meeting activist
Michael Petrelis asked when sex
club patrons and the gay community would have a chance to give
their input on the legislation. Housh responded that after the proposed legislation receives final approval from those in the sex approval from those in the sex club business and is put before the Board of Supervisors, public hear-ings will be held, most likely in late November or early December. Members of the board have in-

dicated that if the DPH feels the regulations are appropriate, they will support them. Mayor Brown's gay and lesbian liaison Dean Goodman has indicated that the mayor also supports the proposed legislation.

Crystal group plans 'Talking Wall'

by Liz Highleyman

he second in a series of "Crystal in the Castro" meetings took place Tues-day, October 8th, to discuss the reasons for speed use within the gay community, and to focus on the question, "Why do we love this drug?"

Matthew Denckla of the Marin AIDS Project cautioned that de spite numerous anecdotes about the use of crystal as an aphrodisi-ac, not all gay men use the drug for sex. He suggested the main-stream media's preoccupation with this aspect of speed use may reflect a homophobic stereotyp-ing of gay men as "sex freaks." The gay media's emphasis on the "power bottom" phenomenon may be an indication of an antisex judgmentalism against those who are perceived to have "crossed the line" into "excessive" behavior. He pointed out the obvious but often overlooked fact that people do not use crystal to "become junkies and ruin their lives," but rather to derive positive benefits ranging from weight loss (the "crystal lite diet") to height-ened energy to increased ease in

social situations.

Anecdotal evidence and studies suggest that there are several speed-using cultures within the city. Crystal users in the Castro tend to be employed, white, middle-class, older, and engage in recreational use, often with a focus on sex. Users in the Haight tend to be part of a younger dance culture that is mixed in terms of gender and sexual orientation. Speed use in the South of Market area revolves around the gay



Matthew Denckla

dance club scene. And in the Polk/Tenderloin area, many people with AIDS use speed to feel better and enable them to engage in daily activities

in daily activities.

The physiological effects of crystal (methamphetamine) differ from those of ecstasy (MDMA, an amphetamine derivative), another drug that is commonly used for its purported aphrodisiac properties. Extract which is used as a company of the common o ties. Ecstasy, which is used as a so-cial and sexual stimulant by subcultures of various genders and sexual orientations, is an "em-pathogen" which tends to make people feel more open, as if inter-personal boundaries have dis-solved. Crystal, in contrast, tends to focus the user's mind inward, often promoting obsessive thoughts. The sexual use of speed is most commonly seen among gay men. While it arouses the mind, it can interfere with physi-ological function. Denckla noted that a crystal user may become

too aroused or "keyed up" to achieve orgasm – the feeling of being "overexcited" is both "the upside and the downside" of speed use.

Sex as affirmation

In order to understand how and why the gay community uses crystal in a sexual context, it is necessary to look at people's mo-tivations for sex, a topic that is no-toriously under-researched in this country. A study from Holland found that the primary motivations for sex were to express love. tions for sex were to express fove, to feel pleasure, and to affirm one-self. The latter reason may be par-ticularly salient for a community that has faced censure and rejec-tion because of their homosexuality. It was pointed out that gay community norms tend to pres-sure people to be attractive, to be sure people to be attractive, to be sexual, and to be comfortable being sexual, a process that can be aided by crystal use. One participant noted that what is surprising is not how many gay men have "flirted with crystal use," but how many have not done so.

The group discussed ways to get more people interested in the issue of crystal use, with a focus on the inclusion of current and former users. People who use

former users. People who use speed are understandably reluc-tant to involve themselves in groups and activities in which they will be preached at for their drug use and sexual behavior.

Because people perceive so many benefits from speed use, it may be more productive to emphasize a harm reduction ap-

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proach – providing education about how to use speed in the safest and healthiest manner pos-sible and giving people credit for taking small steps toward this goal – rather than trying to con-vince all users to stop using crys-tal entirely. Such a philosophy is illustrated by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's new bathroom ad campaign which en-courages crystal users to eat enough, drink enough water, get enough sleep, use clean needles for injection, and keep safer sex supplies on hand. New users, especially, could benefit from infor-mation about correct dosing and how to determine the purity of

their drug supply.

A subcommittee of the group met recently to discuss the idea of a "talking wall," on which people can express their thoughts about crystal use and how it affects the community. The wall will also serve as a "research tool" to gauge what issues people are most con-cerned about regarding speed use

or whatever else they choose to write about. It is hoped that the wall will help "break the silence" surrounding crystal use and help bridge the gap between users and

The proposed site for the wall is at the corner near where the Life Garden is located at Noe and Market streets, an area that is both heavily trafficked and not immediately abutting any businesses The group hopes to have the wall set up by November 1st. ▼

The second meeting of the Polk neighborhood group will be held this Thursday, October 24th at Cafe Le Croissant, located at 1406 Polk Street (at Pine). The next Castro neighborhood meeting will be November 7th at the California Federal building at 444 Castro Street. For more information call Patrick Barresi at the Stop AIDS Project at (415) 575-1545, x. 257.



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city hall and registering.
"We're going to do the best we can," said City Clerk Ceda Floyd.

City Council member John Russo, who worked to establish the registry after receiving a rec-ommendation from the city's Human Relations Commission, told people there that domestic partnership in the city was long

"Oakland is a very progressive city. This is just another example of our diversity ... and a small bang at the wall of intolerance," Russo said.

'Get involved'

Linda Scaparotti, a member of the Human Relations Commis sion and a strong advocate of the domestic partner resolution, said the registry is a good first step, but challenged Oakland's gay com-

challenged Oaktanu's gay community to do more.

"Lesbians and gays should take a more active role in politics in Oakland and really get involved," Scaparotti said, adding they should consider running for publications in the future.

should consider running for public office in the future.

Tara Kelly, president of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club (EBL/GDC), said club members worked with the city for a long time on the domestic partner registry legislation.

registry legislation.

"This is a result of our long work," Kelly said. "Although there was no opposition, it took some-one to go ahead and do it. The rest of the city council and the mayor

were supportive."
Ray Vickers-Taft and his partner Franklin Vickers-Taft were the

second couple to register at the counter in the clerk's office and receive the certificate city officials give each couple.

"This isn't the first certificate we've done," Ray said. "We're adding to our certificates."

adding to our certificates."

The Oakland couple have registered as domestic partners in San Francisco, when one of them worked in the city and in Berkeley. They also took part in the same-sex domestic partner wedding ceremony March 25 at City Hall in San Francisco.

The city clerk's office in Oakstands

The city clerk's office in Oak-land will give information on registering as domestic partners to anyone who is interested. To be el-igible, people must be at least 18 years of age and currently unmar-ried to anyone; each person must present photo identification and proof of cohabitation, such as a bank statement or utility bill; one partner must be employed by the City of Oakland or both people must live in the city; and the cou-ple cannot be so closely related by blood as to bar marriage in the state of California. Both people must also be mentally competent to consent to signing the affidavit

of domestic partnership.

There's also one other require ment: both parties must agree to file a Notice of Ending a Domestic Partnership should the relationship not work out. The fee for that filing is \$5 if both parties agree; \$10 if the clerk's office has to notify the other party.

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Sticks and balls

by Jim Provenzano

an Francisco's gay and les-bian softball teams did quite well down in San Diego last weekend at the Au-tumn Classic Gay & Lesbian Soft-

ball Tournament.

Over Columbus Day weekend
holiday the men's B-Team, The Cafe, took top honors. Coached by **Jeff Baker**, The Cafe defeated all of its opponents, with the exception of an early seed game. A total of 68 teams participated in

the tournament.
Games took place throughout
last weekend in the suburbs of San
Diego at two parks. The town was
invaded by cleated queers of all
sorts with one thing in common:
softball. Men's and women's A, B,
and C and Women's division teams and c and women's division teams played throughout the weekend, and enjoyed meeting new and old friends on and off the diamond. Champions of The Cafe played two games to seed. They went 1-1

in that round, and were seeded third in the tournament. They played five more games against

the LA Posse, Project Lifeguard of San Diego, Obelisk of LA, and the Orange County Bullets in the semi-final game. The Bullets ended up losing the semi-final, winning the loser's bracket, then came back up to face The Cafe again in the championship game. The final on that game was 14-9. Despite the overwhelming score, catcher **Andy Anderson** said the

victory was a late rally. "It was a real team effort," he "It was a real team effort," he said in a voice still hoarse from the weekend's excitement. "Base hits won that game." Anderson credits the team's defense and the hard work of pitchers **Bohby De**-Tulio and Steve Sternfeld.

The top women's team was San Francisco's Potpourri. Team divi-sion was won by Stormy Leather, coached by **Ray Tilton**, who is also

Commissioner of the Gay and Lesbian Softball League

This was a nation tournament with teams from all over the country.

Sports Complex There were several parties throughout the weekend, including a banquet that was held at the host hotel, the San

was held at the host hotel, the San Diego Holiday Inn.
This is the end of the tournaments for a while, and the last big tournament of the year. For those interested in joining a team next year, more softball action starts in March 1997, when teams will start recruiting players.

recruiting players.

As to skill levels, Anderson advises that "most people start out in C division and then move up to B followed by A." San Francisco has only one team in the A division, the Rolo Golden Gators, who took third place in their

division.
Softball, one of America's most popu-lar non-professional

sports, has long been a favorite sponsorship and promotional hobby for many gay and lesbian bars. Tourna-ments like this usually make for a rowdy time, particularly for those players who like to hoist a few

after a game.

"The hotel treated us great,"
Anderson said. "They really
worked hard to give everybody
what they wanted. The pub in the
host hotel was quite popular with
all af the treams. It was hopping all all of the teams. It was hopping all weekend." Asked if the hotel bar served a straight clientele, Anderson replied, "Not last weekend!"

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Raw Rahs to host dance

by Cynthia Laird

ome join San Francisco's fa vorite cheerleaders and dance 'til you drop at the Bay Area Raw Rahs' dance party this Friday, October 18.

Proceeds from the dance party

will benefit the Raw Rahs as the group embarks on its 17th year as San Francisco's "ambassadors of spirit." Dancers can boogie to a blend of today's most popular tunes and yesterday's classic fa-vorites, or take a break and watch the Raw Rahs perform high ener-

gy routines.

The Pepper Smith Dance
Company will also be on hand to
perform during the party.

A no-host bar will be available.

The dance party comes on the heels of a busy fall season for the Raw Rahs, who recently returned from Texas, who recently returned from Texas, where they represent-ed San Francisco in the Dallas pride parade. The 15-member squad brought home a trophy awarded to them as the most outstanding out-of-town unit in the

On October 6, the Raw Rahs were turning flips and piling into three-man high pyramids at the intersection of Market and Castro streets, entertaining thousands at the Castro Street Fair.

the Castro Street Fair.

The group also provided half-time entertainment for gay ath-letes from around the nation who attended a women's flag football tournament and a men's basket-ball tournament, both of which

were held in the city.

The Raw Rahs will travel to Logan High School in Union City on Saturday, October 26 to perform at the annual conference of the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators (BANGLE).

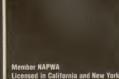
Future performances include a guest appearance during a high school cheerleading competition at South San Francisco High School, according to member Steve Burke.

Burke added that the squad's busy year will be capped off when they take part in the Dance Along Nutcracker event on December 15, when the cheerleaders will take to the stage as toy soldiers and Russian Cossacks. The Dance Along Nutcracker is an annual concert of the Winds of Freedom (seated version of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band) and will be held at the Yerba Buena Center

for the Performing Arts.

The Raw Rahs are a community arts unit of the Sims Center. They are sponsored by United Airlines, Alize, Skyy Vodka, Triton Hotels, Gap, After Shock brands, and Don't Panic. ▼

dance party is \$10 per person, although no one will be turned away. The event will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission Street. For more information or to inquire about auditions, call the center at (415) 554-0402.



Runners and walkers to fill Golden **Gate Park on Sunday for good causes**

by Cynthia Laird

olden Gate Park will be filled with runners and walkers on Sunday, October 20, as two events are being held that will benefit the fights against breast cancer and hunger.

The San Francisco Chapter of

the Susan G. Komen Breast Can-cer Foundation expects more than 8,000 participants to take part in Race for the Cure, which consists of a five-kilometer run and a onemile walk.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m., with the race beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Sharon Meadow in the park. Live music, exhibitor booths, food, and beverages will be featured at the finish line.

The event is expected to raise \$400,000, which will be used to fund educational programs, education cation and mammography screenings for six Bay Area coun-ties. Three of those counties Contra Costa, Marin, and San Mateo - have the highest breast cancer incidence rates in the na-

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women and is the leading cause of death in women ages 35-54. Approxi-mately 20,000 women in California will discover that they have breast cancer this year, and an es-

timated 4,300 women statewide will die from the disease. An estimated 1,400 men in the United States will also develop

breast cancer this year, with 260 men dying from the disease. More than 75 percent of breast cancers occur in women who have no known risk factors, according to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Additionally, the foundation points out that in 1990, the dollar value of medical care for the nation's breast cancer patients was estimated at more that \$6 billion, with federal fund-ing for breast cancer research

moderator and written questions from the audience, according to public policy staffer Laura Thomas.

The "highest ranked" candidates a conditional control of the conditional conditions are considered to the conditional control of the conditions are conditional conditions.

ates will appear in two sessions – five in each hour-long forum – where they will make brief presen-tations and then answer questions. The candidates selected to ap-

James, Michael Yaki, Donna Casey, Sue Bierman, Barbara Kaufman, Victor Marquez, Leslie Katz, Leland Yee, Carolene Marks,

and Jose Medina. They were selected by a review of polling data, Thomas told the Bay Area Re-

Candidates

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said Linda Cain, a breast cancer survivor and team captain for Pa-cific Bell, the race's local present-ing sponsor. "The proceeds fund breast cancer education and screening locally, and research nationally. The race also raises na-tional awareness because it occurs in 67 U.S. cities.

embarked on its sixth year of a free mammography and follow-up program for medically under-served women in Alameda, Con-tra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara coun-San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties. The program is administered through the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Radiology Department and utilizes the university's mobile mammogra-

one week per month, during which time it strives to screen 200 patients per week, for a yearly total of 2,000 patients. Since the program's inception in November 1991, the UCSF mobile van has performed more than 8,000 mammograms.

Last year, grants totaling \$180,000 were made to 18 Bay Area breast cancer programs on behalf of the foundation's local chapter. Research fellowships and other major projects were funded at three Northern California uni-

Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is a nonprofit corporation dedi-

Walking for hunger

"Seeing thousands of women in one place to support finding a cure for breast cancer keeps the issue foremost in people's minds," said Linda Cain, a breast cancer

Locally, the San Francisco chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has just

phy van. The foundation uses the van

Formed in 1982, the Susan G. cated to eradicating breast cancer as a life-threatening disease. It has local chapters across the country.

The San Francisco Food Bank,

With estimates that 1 in 25 San Francisco residents is HIVpositive, public policy response to the epidemic over the next four years will be especially challeng-ing, Thomas said. Issues faced by legislators in-

Issues faced by legislators include response to reductions in federal AIDS funding, the maintenance of AIDS-related public health services in the face of managed care, protection of the city's state of the art needle-exchange program, as well as other policy matters, such as questions about the effectiveness of city-funded non-profit community-based AIDS organizations.

based AIDS organizations.

For more information, contact Laura Thomas at (415) 864-

Correction:

There was a significant error in last week's ACT UP/Golden Gate Writers Pool article, The fifth sentence under the subhead "Eradication reality" read:

"The patient was then taken off drug therapy and his viral load increased dramatically (to nearly 100,000 copies/ml in approximately five weeks?"

increased gramatically (to the large) mately five weeks)."

It should have read:
"The patient was then taken off drug therapy and his viral load increased (to over 10,000 copies/ml in approximately five weeks)."
The B.A.R. regrets the error. ▼

tion to Help Stop Hunger, and Church World Service are hosting the 17th annual Hunger Walk at 1:30 p.m. at Marx Meadows in Golden Gate Park. There will be a 5K and 10K walk, according to organizers, to raise awareness about the problem of hunger and to

raise money to fight hunger.
Organizers said that 25 percent
of the contributions will benefit the food bank, while 75 percent of the donations will be directed to national and international relief

organizations though Church World Service.

The San Francisco Food Bank serves as the central clearinghouse for donated food that is passed on to more than 340 agencies that have meal programs for low-income senior citizens, adults, and children in need. The food bank collects and distributes over 7.5 million pounds of food to shel-ters, AIDS service providers, after school programs, and home-bound seniors. Each day, 14,000 nourishing

meals are made with food from the food bank's warehouse. Walkers will use sponsor sheets to collect pledges on a per kilometer basis.

Registration forms for Race for the Cure can be obtained at any Bay Area JC Penney, Pier One Imports, or Safeway store, or call 1-800-698-8699. To register for the hunger walk call Bill Knezovich at (415) 731-

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X-4 on the 4th day of November, 1996, at 19cuse why the application for change of
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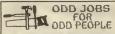
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by Robert Julian

n Beautiful Thing, when young Jamie Gangel and his boyfriend Ste visit their first gay bar, they're followed surreptitiously by Jamie's barmaid mother, Sandra, who later confronts them with their gayness. After tears and shouts of denial, they confess, only to be reassured by the ever-practical Sandra that "somewhere you'll find peotical Sandra that "somewhere you'll find people who don't want to kill you." When Ste protests that there is no such place, Sandra contradicts him: "There's an island in the Mediterranean called 'Lesbian' and all its inhabitants are dykes." Like Sandra, Beautiful Thing is charmingly unbalanced, a film that coasts along on waves of outrageous optimism, punctuated by violent squalls of anger and frustration. and frustration.

and frustration.

Growing up gay at or near the bottom of England's class system is a subject British filmmaker Terence Davies has explored — ad infinitum — in his short and feature-length films. But where Davies paints a dreary land-scape of isolation and self-loathing, British director Hettie Macdonald creates something that is hopeful and filled with lively colorful. that is hopeful and filled with lively, colorful

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Pieces of the Quilt examines the many faces of AIDS

by Deborah Peifer

inally, after months and months of anticipation, preparation, and perspiration, the Magic Theatre is raising the curtain on the world premiere of Pieces of the Quilt, Sean San José Blackman's inspired theatrical response to devastating loss. The 28-year-old local actor lost both of his parents to AIDS. While it is true that the immediate impetus for the show was his mother's death, Blackman explains, "[Quilt] is about more than just my mother, it's always been about more than that."

Blackman's original plan was to perform

been about more than that."

Blackman's original plan was to perform AIDS monologues on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Magic Theatre. To her everlasting credit, Magic's artistic director, Mame Hunt, suggested a riskier approach. She urged Blackman to contact playwrights he knew and ask them to write a brief piece about some aspect of the affect of the plague on their lives. Blackman took things a step further by contacting writers of renown. His only restriction was that AIDS could not be dealt with

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by Daniel Mangin

he late Michael Callen was the big winner at the first annual GLAMAs—the Gay and Lesbian American Music Awards—held last week in New York. Callen copped the Male Artist, Duo/Group, and Choral Group prizes, plus Album of the Year, for Legacy. His collaborators on the project included Cris Williamson, Holly Near, Arnold McCuller, and John



Catie Curtis

Catie Curtis, the evening's first musical performer, came away with two awards — Out Song and Out Recording as, respectively, the writer and performer of "Radical." Among the evening's other entertainers: Ferron (who sang two songs and accepted the "Out Music" award for "truthful self-expression combined

with a high level of musical artistry"),
Jeff "Son of a
Preacher Man" Krassner,
BETTY (who powered through their new "It' Girl" single), Northern Ireland rocker Gregory Gray, and the Lavender Light Black & People of All Colors Lesbian & Gay Gospel Choir.

Mouthful of requirements

The mighty-fine choir's name may be a mouthful, but it has may be a mounth, but it has nothing on the eligibility require-ments—"...[s]ingle-song record-ing written by at least one self-identified lesbian, gay male or bi-sexual songwriter, and recorded by a self-identified lesbian, gay male or bisexual musical perby a self-identified lesbian, gay male or bisexual musical performer.." (for the full text, see the Aug. 15 Out There column). Or as the evening's emcee, comedian Jason Stuart, quipped, the awards are open to "lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders or anyone who needs to be loved."

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Stuart had to cover for numer-ous technical and other glitches ous technical and other glitches (the ones after the proceedings started — an hour late), alternately amusing the audience with snippets from his act ("Hillary Clinton says it takes a village to raise a child, but for gays it just takes the Village People") and irritating them with boorish, unfunny ad-libs, including several about overweight people, one of which he followed up by calling a portly stagehand a farm animal.

The comedian won most of the crowd back, however, with a way-over-the-top imitation of Sam Harris (remember his three minutes in the spotlight?) singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" on Star Search.

on Star Search.

Glad to be gay — and straight

Gay-rocker Tom Robinson graciously received the Michael Callen Medal of Achievement, the



Tom Robinson back when he was still gay

gay-male equivalent of the award Ferron won, but only after pre-senter **Jim Fouratt** informed the

senter of m rouratt informed the crowd that Robinson was now in a relationship with a woman. Robinson's band mysteriously never showed up, so he sang un-accompanied an update of his late-'70s anthem "Glad to be Gay" (guess he got so glad being gay he couldn't take it anymore) in which he reiterated his support

for gay rights and vowed not to disavow his queer past. Bicoastal artiste
Marga Gomez declared herself "a clared herself "a dyke Linda Mc

dyke Linda Mccartney ... a major
women's-music
groupie" before she
and Hot Wire publisher Toni Armstrong presented
the Best Female
Artist award to Melissa
Etheridge, who sent her thanks
via videotane. The night's other

via videotape. The night's other winner was Debut Artist David Clement.

Unclear on the concept

There

New Woman magazine reports that rapper **Warren G** was arrest-ed outside a lesbian bar in Los Angeles for being in possession of a loaded weapon. When asked what he was doing at a lesbian bar, he replied that he went there because the women-to-men ratio was so

Mom OKs porn roles, but on one condition

Dino DiMarco, a.k.a. "the Delta Burke of Porn," talks about his past and reveals his hopes and dreams in a scintillating H/X interview. Turns out he's

previously paid the rent as an extra on Star Trek and "spent a whole season as a bailiff on Picket Fences." He also worked as a phlebotomist at an AIDS clinic, which somehow led to his appearance in such erotic delicacies as Night Walk and Mess Hall Maneuvers. DiMarco says that his mom

DiMarco says that his mom and boyfriend know about his career and "don't care," though his ma asked, "Well, would you be the boy or the girl?" After he said, "I'd be the boy," she replied, "I guess I could live with that" (as most mothers could). Anyway, having studied the ways of humans up close, Dino's aiming to "return to school for a degree in animal behavior."



Sylvia: too much time in the sun?

But the butter was all Brando

Sylvia Miles continues to Sylvia Miles continues to bask in the glow of Heat. In a one-sheet distributed by the New York Film Festival she's asked to compare the legacies of the fest's opener a quarter-century ago with its closer that year, Last Tango in Paris. "It [Heat] was hardly overlooked. I was just given a tribute for it at the Castro Theatre in San Francisco. ... The ironic thing is that the producer of Last Tango had Heat in his office for six months, and a lot of the stuff I did in Heat, I saw Brando do in Last Tango. I'm sure do do in Last Tango. I'm sure Bertolucci [Bernardo, the directorl looked at it a lot because he was a big fan of Warhol's.'

Festival queer flicks

The NY film fest has three queer flicks this year, including Slingblade, in which John Ritter plays gay (for real as opposed to his *Three's Company* antics). Catherine Deneuve (no, there's no truth to the rumor that she's going to name her next perfume Curve and sue the magazine again) plays a lesbian in Les Voleurs (The Thieves), from Wild

Reeds director André Téchiné.

Both Les Voleurs and Slingblade were well-received as expected, but more surprising was the audi-ence acclaim (the NY Times was less enthusiastic) for John Greyson's Lilies. Greyson has bounced back from the exasperat-ing "AIDS musical" Zero Patience with a visually clever adaptation of a play by Canadian Michel Marc Bouchard.

Lilies concerns a group of pris-

oners who take a bishop hostage so that one of them can force the cleric to admit his complicity in a tragic, gay-related event 40 years earlier. Matthew Ferguson, the precocious scene-stealer of Eclipse and Love and Human Remains, and Love and ruman Remains, plays the bishop as a lad. Lilies should hit SF either for the next gay film festival, or perhaps earlier if it picks up a distributor (Greyson says three or four are interested).

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Peter Hujar's Portrait of Divine, 1975.

Genius loci

SFMOMA exhibit locates the extraordinary in the banal

by Glen Helfand

very social milieu is fascivery social milieu is fascinating to somebody. The degrees of engagement relate to proximity. Activities like S/M may be shocking to some, but to those immersed in it, there's a wholesome, everyday component. In Commonplace Mysteries, an uncommonly satisfying, slightly edgy photography exhibition at SFMOMA, Peter Hujar, Bill Owens, and Andrea Modica offer queer, quirky insight into semi-private worlds. The artists infuse their images of rural homes, suburban kitsch, and the glamorous gay literati of high 1970s New York with the slightly perverse spirit of Diane Arbus. Their photographs reveal a prick-ly humanity in unexpected places.

Peter Hujar was a former fashion photographer represented here by dour black-and-white portraits. His pictures are full of glittering personalities, some of them relevant to recent gay histo-ry. The photographer's most no-table works were made during the mid-to-late '70s, and his subjects are queer legends captured in fresh, though not necessarily flatare queer legends captured in fresh, though not necessarily flattering, ways. Hujar photographed Andy Warhol, Diana Vreeland, and Peggy Lee, as well as drag queens and hunky hustlers, in character-building natural light, frequently using the battered white walls of funky New York apartments as a backdrop.

The wall text tells us that although he was a peer of Robert Mapplethorpe, Hujar "rejected artifice and suspected beauty." His

tifice and suspected beauty." His aesthetic tendencies were far more aesthetic tendencies were far more straightforward and unsentimentalized than Mapplethorpe's rigid lushness. Hujar's subjects, in contrast, often seem to be wrung out by life. A self-portrait of the artist wearing a glamourless black tshirt, for example, reveals a worldweary sadness in his dark eyes. Hujar is also well-known for being a mentor to writer/artist/ac-

being a mentor to writer/artist/activist David Wojnarowicz, whose work shares a similar stark directness. Wojnarowicz is the subject of several photos here, including the oft-seen portrait of him sitting

the oft-seen portrait of him sitting shirtless against a tree trunk, and an uncharacteristically joyful nude in which the sinewy artist masturbates on a rumpled bed.

A morbid subtext runs throughout Hujar's work. He captures the essence of a party spirit edging toward AIDS, a disease that claimed Hujar as well as many of his subjects. Some, however, died of other causes. A photo of Warhol superstar Candy Darling on her flower-strewn hospital of Warhol superstar Candy Darling on her flower-strewn hospital deathbed, an image also seen in the Berkeley Art Museum's *In a Different Light* exhibit, is an iconic work brimming with melancholy. Hujar's portrait of Divine pictures the late actor's girth in angelic white, his face made up in this lawes of partsets myles up. angelic white, his face made up in thick layers of pancake make-up, creating a mask of tragedy. It's a far cry from *Pink Flamingos*. The lurid color of Bill Owens' late-'70s suburbia shots, however,

has some connection to the films of John Waters. With an eerie, staged quality, Owens treks into the mysterious terrain of wheatcolored shag carpeting, black velvet paintings, and waterbeds. These elements recur in his very intimate peeks into East Bay tract homes, where we see people en-gaged in CPR classes, breast-feedgaged in CPR classes, breast-feed-ing, or getting mega-manicures. There is even a lovely portrait of a gay couple with Freddie Prince mustaches posing proudly amidst a macramé jungle of hanging houseplants. Some of the appeal of Owens'

pictures, many of which come from a remarkable book entitled Suburbia, relates to recycled '70s fashion sensibilities. His retro imtashion sensibilities. His retro images will either generate nostalgia, repulsion, or decorating tips. There are those who would kill for a bathroom like the one pictured in "Tidy Bowl," a ravishing and repulsive image of pink and orange floral wallpaper framing a red, cushy-seated toilet. A cheesy resolution of the course are the statement of the course of the co production of that crotch-grabbing Roman wrestler statue stands on top of the tank. But Owens also manages to

capture his subjects with amazing,

almost anthropological clarity. In another piece, Owens snaps three women fixing their Charlie's Angels' wings in a public restroom. One of them is a coke-snorting, cigarette-smoking babe whose expression breathtakingly encapsulates the party spirit of the late '70s. Currently, Owens is involved in a more quintessentially '90s pursuit: He quit the photo business to operate his own microbrewery. (His pumpkin ale is on sale in the museum cafe.)

Andrea Modica's pictures make a leap in time and subject, but traverse the same entertainingly unsettling terrain as Owens and

verse the same entertainingly unsettling terrain as Owens and Hujar. In part, Modica is represented in this show with a series of slightly deadpan pictures of baseball players. While the photos have definite beefcake appeal, they seem too normal in relation to the off-kilter feel of the other works in off-kilter feel of the other works in this show. Another body of the photographer's work seems more appropriate. Over the last six years, Modica has taken intimate photographs of a family in rural upstate New York, where the pho-tographer also lives. These images focus on an overweight teenager who, the wall label reveals, suffers from a learning disability. The girl's image embodies and intensi-fies the pathos and discomfort of awkward pre-adolescence and its churning sexual overtones. In one particularly haunting shot, the girl sits in a leafy field wearing a Halloween costume: bunny ears and a smear of dark greasepaint on her chubby cheeks. She seems

smear of dark greasepaint on her chubby cheeks. She seems doomed and alone in her pathetic costume, but surprisingly content. In another image, Modica presents a still-life of a severed deer head hanging from a tree, the remnant, we presume, of a hunting trip. It has the quease-inducing feel of a Joel-Peter Witkin photo, but somehow we know this surreal scene is an everyday ocsurreal scene is an everyday oc-currence. **V**

Commonplace Mysteries is up through February 2 at SFMOMA. Call 357-4000 for information.



Jamie and Ste make a public display of their love in the final scene of Beautiful Thing.

Beautiful Thing

Arts cover

characters. Davies' films, set in the '50s, portray depressed youths who come of age and subvert their sexual desires through a life-time of closeted encounters in bus depots and dark alleys. But Macdonald's young queer protagonists of the '90s face their insecurities, transcend them, and manage to escape the closet with the support and blessing of most of their friends and family. The differences here reflect not only the times, but the fundamental cheerfulness of gay screenwriter Jonathan Harvey, who has adapted his play of the same name for the screen.

Jamie is the sissy outcast. He cuts high school gym class because he is tormented and verbally gay-bashed by his peers. His friend Ste lives in the same London housing project, next door to Jamie and his mom, Sandra. Ste is good at sports and is a popular student, yet his peers don't know that he is frequently beaten by his alcoholic father. When Ste begins to take refuge in Jamie's apartment, their friendship gradually moves from platonic to romantic.

Glen Berry (Jamie) and Scott Neal (Ste) turn in beautifully nuanced performances as the young lovers. The actors inhabit their roles to such an extent that it is almost impossible to believe they are not who they portray. Jonathan Harvey crafts remarkable dialogue, giving his young actors wonderfully poignant moments filled with both anticipation and doubt. Anyone who has experienced a same-sex teenage affair will recognize the tentative and emotionally charged moments that characterize such exhilarating and anxious liaisons. But it is Linda Henry, as Sandra, who walks away with the film. She portrays Jamie's mom as a toughtalking, neurotic loner who is still wrestling with her own childhood demons when she is required to confront those of her only son.

The supporting cast includes Ben Daniels as Sandra's hippie boyfriend, Tony, Several years her junior. Towa sins to please San

The supporting cast includes Ben Daniels as Sandra's hippie boyfriend, Tony. Several years her junior, Tony aims to please Sandra, but is no match for the force of her personality. And in a wonderful twist on an old formula, Beautiful Thing shows the very straight Tony running around Sandra's apartment in her satin nightgowns, a situation that is never commented on because all the characters take it for granted. Tameka Empson, as the teenage Leah, assays the pivotal supporting role of Jamie's black girlfriend, next-door neighbor, and occasional enemy. Leah is fixated on Mama Cass Elliot and her music, and the sunny, uplifting songs of Mama Cass constitute the musical leitmotif of the film.

Unapologetic wish-fulfillment

Beautiful Thing takes place in Thamesmead Estate, a high-rise public housing project in Southeast London. Production designer Bill Schapter employs a palate of vivid primary colors to create an atmosphere that is as vibrant as Jonathan Harvey's characters. These are poor people who are thriving, and the colors of their environment reflect the intensity with which they live. Jamie, Ste, and Leah all come from dysfunctional households with one parent, or in Leah's case, one grandparent. Leah has drug problems, and the boys are queer. There are no saints — adolescent or adult — among this cast of sinners, but although they frequently treat each other horribly, there is a solid foundation of mutual affection that permeates their actions. The film works simultaneously on several levels. It is both a

The film works simultaneously on several levels. It is both a paean to the peace and love generation of the '60s — complete with a California-dreamin' soundtrack; and an ode to the harsh, yet progressive '90s, when even those at the bottom of the social order can learn to acknowledge and accept homosexuals. The film even ends with an outdoor dance scene that recalls the conclusion of Paul Mazursky's 1969 free-love epic, Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice. These two dissimilar eras collide and synthesize within the fictional London boundaries of the film, where Jonathan Harvey gives his characters the best of both worlds. Most importantly, he allows two young boys to take their natural and mutual affection to its logical conclusion, with all the appropriate stumbles and false starts firmly reflected in the progress of their relationship. The film's happy ending may simply be a case of wish-fulfillment, but director

Hettie Macdonald tells the story of Jamie and Ste in such a simple and honest fashion that audiences may find their doubts overshadowed by the winning personality of this little cinematic treasure.

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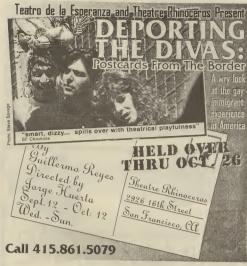
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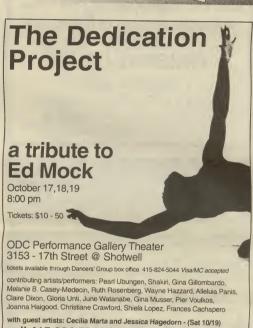
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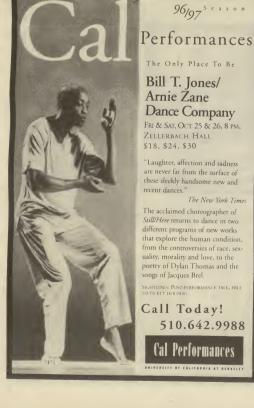
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Did blondes have more fun?

They sure did in movies of the '50s

im Novak's appearance at the Castro Theatre (Octothe Castro Theatre (October 18) for the premiere of the restored version of Alfred Hitchcock's Vertigo brings welcome attention to her legacy as one of the sexiest blonds to ever grace the silver screen. But there were other glamorous tow-heads from the '50s, peroxide patties whose sudden and meteoric screen success indicated renewed interest in the blonde bombshell after a decade in which Holly-wood experimented with darkerwood experimented with darker-haired gals. In essence, the return of the flaxen lass was the '50s nos-talgic valentine to a more danger-ous and sexy era, the '30s, when the screen lit up with the radiant glamour of goldilocks stars like Mae West, Jean Harlow, Miriam Hopkins, Carole Lombard, and, later, the fabulous Veronica Lake. The '50s naid tribute to those put The '50s paid tribute to those numinous heads but actually outdid them by producing a string of honey-headed dreamboats who made everyone — even the boys — dream of a white rinse.



Kim Novak in 1958

The wholesome blonde

So great was Marilyn Monroe's impact on movies in the '50s that the decade produced a bevy of wan imitators, notably Jayne Mansfield and Mamie Van Doren. They made few films, not one of

which was important or successful. Creations of public relations experts who confused fame with stardom, and lacking talent or popularity, they remain early examples of celebrities who, to quote H.L. Mencken, were "known for their well-known-ness."

well-known-ness."

Of course, Hollywood in the '50s, as if atoning for sexy, trashy blondes, also gave the public wholesome ones. The most famous of these being Doris Day, whose sunny musicals and comedies (and occasional thrillers, including Histopheelic strengths, of dies (and occasional thrillers, in-cluding Hitchcock's remake of The Man Who Knew Too Much) were enormously popular. She went into the '60s as Elizabeth Taylor's only consistent rival for Box Office Queen.

Box Office Queen.

Other non-vamp blondes of the era included '30s hold-over Ginger Rogers, who, despite well-deserved fame, was no longer an important player; quintessential '40s leading lady Joan Fontaine; manic Betty Hutton, whose off-screen demands ended her career before the public asked her career before the public asked itself why they should be paying to see her frantic hysteria, and comic genius Judy Holliday, who, despite an Oscar for 1950's Born Yesterday, never attained real stardom.

When the decade opened, World War II pin-up queen Betty Grable was nominally the top Hollywood bombshell; by the time she costarred with Monroe and Lauren Bacall in *How To Marry A Millionaire* (1953), however, her star had waned. Marilyn took over her old dressing room at Twentieth Century Fox and be-

came the top pin-up girl during the Korean War.

Amazingly, Grable's trashy contemporary, Lana Turner, thrived despite generally poor films, appalling notices, and messy scandals. The carefully photographed Lana ended the pnotographed Lana ended the decade with a smash, Imitation of Life ("Imitation acting," quipped Pauline Kael) and reached her peak — or nadir, depending on your point of view — with 1965's Madame X. ("She isn't 'Madame X,' she's Brand X," wrote Kael.)

Classic beauties

Challenging Lana were new-comers Novak and Grace Kelly, the two most classically beautiful blondes of the '50s. Both worked for Hitchcock. He melted Kelly's iciness in Rear Window (1954) and To Catch A Thief (1956), making her as subtly sexy as Mon-roe was obvious. When Kelly pic-

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Lana Turner

IN CONCERT

Christian singer/song writer, Marsha Stevens, began her career as a teen when she wrote the song 'For Those Tears I Died.' At the age of 16 she sang and toured with the Christian folk group, Children of the Day. Stevens now focuses her talents on ministering to the lesbian and gay community. She tours full time and records on her own record label, B.A.L.M. (Born Again Lesbian Music),



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Hitch unbound

'Vertigo' is one of director's most personal films

by Gary Morris

t's hard to believe in 1996 that the film some call Hitchcock's greatest was a box-office and critical failure in its first release in 1958. Audiences stayed away despite the presence of two major stars, James Stewart and Kim Novak, and Paramount's attempts to market it as an upbeat suspense folim. The canonization of Vertigo took place over several decades, partly because, along with Rope, Rear Window, The Trouble with Harry, and The Man Who Knew

Rear Window, The Trouble with Harry, and The Man Who Knew Too Much, Hitchcock owned the rights and pulled the film from public exhibition in the early 1970s. The mythology surrounding these "lost" films, particularly Rear Window and Vertigo, was so intense that for years film societies risked arrest by holding secret screenings behind locked doors.

Re-examining the film, particularly the restored version playing the Castro (Oct. 18-Nov. 7), it isn't difficult to see why it was rejected by all but a few mainstream critics. Vertigo was the follow-up to Hitchcock's grimmest work, The Wrong Man, and audiences must have been convinced that two despairing films in a row-meant the director was no longer interested in, or perhaps capable of, delivering the kind of surface thrills for which he'd become known. In some ways Vertigo is bleaker than its predecessor. While The Wrong Man's black-and-white photography and touches of social realism allowed audiences some shred of reassurance, Vertigo's overripe color and suffocating artificiality give it the ance, Vertigo's overripe color and suffocating artificiality give it the quality of a vivid and unrelenting nightmare.

nightmare.

Vertigo, which is based on a
French potboiler by Pierre
Boileau and Thomas Narejac
(also responsible for the novel
that became Clouzot's Diaboilque), begins with a suspenseful opening sequence in which detective Scottie Ferguson (Stewart)
and his partner are running
across a series of roofs at night in
pursuit of an unseen criminal. pursuit of an unseen criminal. When Scottie misjudges a jump and ends up dangling in terror from a roof gutter, his partner tries to save him but ends up plummeting to his death, an image Hitchcock conveys in a point-of-view shot of the ground rendered by a simultaneous zoom-in and track back.

zoom-in and track back.
Scottie, who suffers from extreme vertigo, somehow survives
and is hired by a wealthy ex-classmate, Gavin Elster (Tom Elmore),
to track his allegedly suicidal wife
Madeleine (Novak). Elster claims
she is possessed by the spirit of a
long-dead relative. Scottie follows
her through a series of San Francisco locations (including the
Mission Dolores graveyard) and
eventually saves her from what
appears to be suicide by drowning
at Fort Point. Eventually she hurls appears to be suicide by drowning at Fort Point. Eventually she hurls herself from a tower, an act that the severely smitten Scottie is un-able to prevent due to his vertigo. able to prevent due to his vertigo. This causes a complete mental breakdown from which he eventually recovers. While mourning Madeleine's death, he accidentally meets Judy, a dead ringer for Madeleine, and begins a strange relationship that involves forcing Judy to remake herself — by coloring her hair and dressing, walking, and talking differently — into

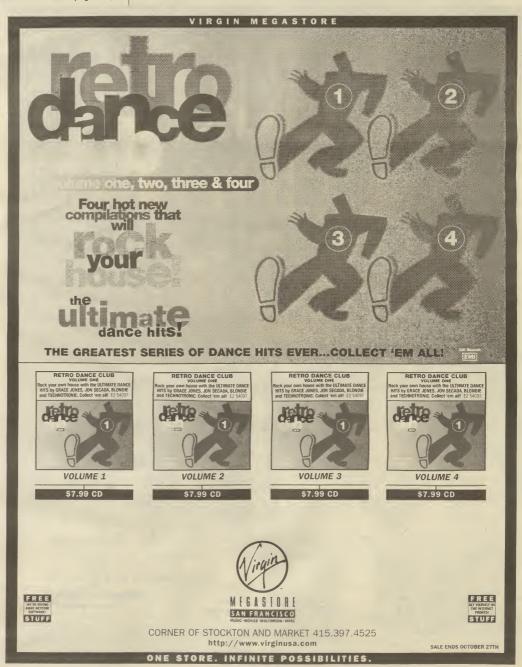
Madeleine. From here, the film moves inexorably toward its uncharacteristic, for Hitchcock, unhappy ending.

The dreamlike quality of Vertigo is most evident in the mysterious wanderings of Madeleine—through empty museum rooms, an ancient graveyard, a dilapidated rooming house. This spiritual rootlessness envelops both Madeleine and Scottie, and the environments through which they Madeleine and Scottie, and the environments through which they move, some shot on location, are photographed as if through gauze. This feeling of a dream is complemented by the film's relentless cat-and-mouse game with human identity. In the opening sequence, we never see the object of Scottie and his partner's pursuit. Madeleine is allegedly under the control of a woman seen only the control of a woman seen only in a painting, and then she is sud-denly reborn as Judy. In the tower sequence, a shadowy figure ap-pears suddenly out of the dark.

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Novak and Stewart in Vertigo





"I didn't know Dennis Rodman was going to be so sexy."

Media queen

RuPaul launches new talk show and album

by Adam Kelly

t was hard — impossible, really — to take RuPaul Andre Charles seriously at first. More buxom than Barbie and twice as blonde, the statuesque drag queen reeked of novelty when his breakthrough single, the gloriously vacuous "Supermodel," sashayed up the Billboard charts in 1993. Cynics checked their watches; 15 minutes definitely passed. But RuPaul, who had dreamed of stardom his whole life, had no intention of going anywhere.

going anywhere.

Three years later, he's still here.
Moreover, he's still everywhere.
"I'm the Queen of All Media," he told me in a recent interview, and while that title clearly winks at his campy image, it really is the best way to describe the extent to which RuPaul has entrenched himself in our popular culture. To wit: He has his own radio show, wrote a best-selling autobiogra-

phy, is the spokesmodel for M.A.C. cosmetics, and has turned making cameos into a sub-career, having popped up in everything from *The Brady Bunch Movie* to episodes of *All My Children* and *Nash Bridges*.

This month, the San Diego native's hid to become Americals.

This month, the San Diego native's bid to become America's first one-man entertainment conglomerate grows even more serious. October 12 saw the premiere of his new, celebrity-propelled gabfest, *The RuPaul Show*, which airs Saturday nights at 11 p.m. on VH-1; on October 29, he will release his second album, *Foxy Lady*. Calling from New York to discuss both projects, RuPaul, who turns 36 in November, was articulate, self-aware, and surprisingly subdued, in short, nothing at all like the catwalk cupcake we've grown to love and — it has to be said — take very seriously indeed.

How long have you wanted your own talk show?

Probably since I first saw Dinah & Friends back in the '70s. And I always envisioned my show as being like hers. Dinah & Friends just had such a relaxed flavor, she was just so southern and gracious. I think it's important to make your guests feel comfortable; you get more out of them if they don't feel like they're being attacked.

Do you prefer interviewing to being interviewed?

Honestly? It's much easier for me to be the interviewer. No offense, but usually interviewers all ask me the same questions. I have my stock answers and it gets kind of boring. I feel a lot more comfortable asking people questions, just because I'm naturally curious and so in love with the cult of celebrity. I'm a nosy person.

A lot of your guests, like Cher, Diana Ross, and Dennis Rodman, are unpredictable people with complicated lives. Did you and they discuss what to talk about

No. One of the things I insisted upon was that there not be any pre-interviews. I've done [other] shows where they fucking pre-interview you to death! It kills it, it's like a lousy lay. I'm really against it, and so many other shows do it. I'm not naming any names, but it just makes the shows so sterile and homogenized, it's awful.

So were you nervous about just winging it?

I wasn't sure how he [Dennis Rodman] was going to be. And I didn't know he'd be so goddamn sexy! I mean, sex appeal just oozes out of him. That really surprised me. I was a little off-guard because I didn't know I would be so attracted to him.

You performed your new single, "Snapshot," on the Dennis Rodman episode. Tell us about the album it's from.

The album is called Foxy Lady, and I am so proud of it. It's my gift to all the kids out there who are just like I was. I'm from San Diego, and [as a kid] I was just biding my time, just waiting for the first chance to get the fuck out of there.

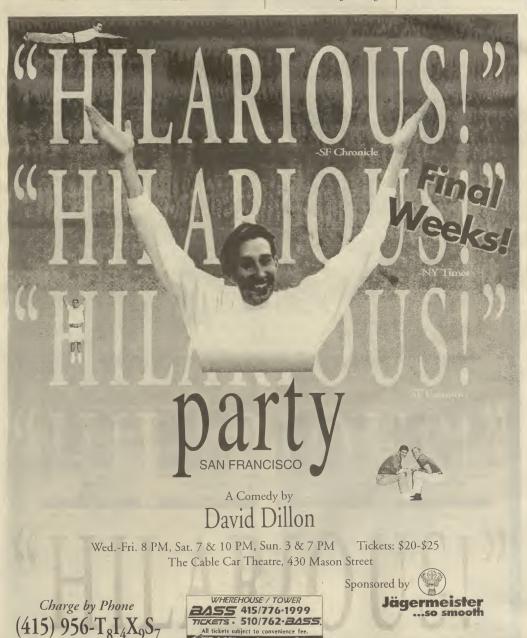
It's been over three years since you released your first album, Supermodel of the World. Why the long wait?

Well, I amicably parted ways with my old record company, Tommy Boy, and it just took a while to find [Rhino Records]. I wanted to be with a label that understood my vision and was committed to seeing it through. I didn't want to be thought of as just another act in a roster of hundreds. And in the meantime, I've been busy doing other things.

Your vocals on *Foxy Lady* are very strong. Have you been taking voice lessons?

No, and that was [another consideration]. I felt like on *Supermodel*, I wasn't really represented in terms of production. I have the same voice on this record, but I also had more control over what was going on. On the last album, I

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Activist of love

Radical mystic Andrew Harvey at Whole Life Expo

by Erin Blackwell

ndrew Harvey, as befits a mystic, manages to combine several seeming contradictions in one charismatic persona. He exudes both the enviable erudition of an Oxford education and the whole-hearted spirituality of a childhood spent in India. A scholar of religious traditions East and West, he has the soul of a tragedienne. Perhaps most startling of all, he is a man dedicated to the Goddess.

The 44-year-old author, trans-

The 44-year-old author, translator and lecturer was married in 1994 to 29-year-old Eryk Hanut, a photographer with whom he has collaborated on Light Upon Light, a book of poems by the great Sufi poet Rumi, and Mary's Vineyard, a daily meditational guide. In 1993, his relationship with Hanut precipitated a rift with Mother Meera, an Indian guru Harvey had venerated for 15 years. That excruciating break-up is detailed in Harvey's otherwise upbeat Return of the Mother.

The Mother Meera fall-out has

The Mother Meera fall-out has left Harvey critical, verging on contemptuous of the whole guru/disciple paradigm. He propounds instead a direct contact with the divine. "Everybody," he says, "is a latent mystic," experiencing the oneness of things in moments of deep communion with nature, art and music. But Harvey's special message is love. Through tantric union "in body, heart, mind and soul" with the beloved, the seeker can "experience the vibrant and ecstatic interconnection of all levels of reality."

You look Indian to me. Or am I dreaming?

No, I have some Indian blood [on my father's side]. I'm very proud of it. Because I feel I belong both to the West and to the East, and that my work is about bridging the East and the West in a very profound way, I hope.

What do you consider your work to be?

To reveal the sacred feminine in its full glory. To bring out all of the different ways in which the Mother has been praised and celebrated in all the different mystical traditions.

Why is that necessary?

Unless we rediscover a sense of intimate connectedness with nature, a sense of the holiness of life, a sense of the dignity and potential sacredness of sexuality and of all human relationships, we're going to destroy the planet. And what patriarchy has offered is, alas, a very split, dissociated, schizophrenic vision, which is killing us. So recovering the motherhood of God isn't some esoteric, intellectual or mystical game. It is actually crucial to the survival of the human race. This is also the recovery of the authentic Christ — an explosive love consciousness which unites heaven and earth. And unites the di

This is also the recovery of the authentic Christ — an explosive love consciousness which unites heaven and earth. And unites the divine law with human law. And refuses all the temptations to "transcendence" and to escaping reality and chooses to serve in the world, with other human beings. This vision of radical, activist, mystical practice has to come



Andrew Harvey and Eryk Hanut.

back now, because without it the New Age is going to go on in its idiotic narcissism and fantasy and self-absorption.

You're working on a book called The Essential Gay Mystics for HarperCollins, due out in February.

I've brought together all the great gay and lesbian figures, from the Greek, Roman, Japanese, Persian, Native-American and modern literary traditions, to open up to people the tremendous range of the gay contribution to mystical transformation. And one thing I've noticed in all of these voices is a tremendous emphasis on the holiness of love and the sacredness of the body. The body is itself sacred and is capable of being a

temple for the highest kind of love. Human love and divine love are not as separate as the patriarchal tradition would have it, but two linked expressions of the same immense force that is creating everything.

The dedication to your book Return of the Mother reads, "For Eryk, my husband: And his banner over me was love." In each of your talks last spring at the California Institute for Integral Studies, you made a point of acknowledging your "husband Eryk."

There is a tremendous amount of homophobia in the New Age. Many of the so-called masters are actively homophobic. Many so-called teachers don't do enough to counter that homophobia. Some

teachers who are gay never acknowledge their gayness in public. It would be insulting to Eryk and the Divine Mother not to be very clear about where my inspiration is coming from. That's what encourages other seekers to plunge into the radiant maelstrom of true relationship.

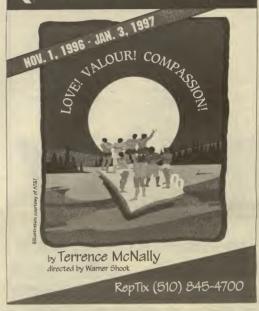
That sort of behavior could qualify you as a gay activist.

I think of myself not as a gay activist — although I'm proud to be gay — but as an activist of love, in all its forms.

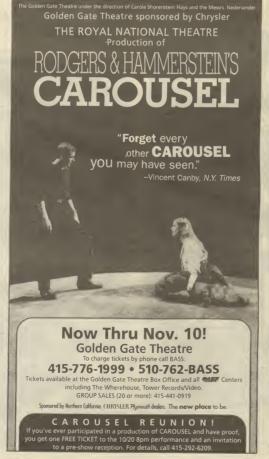
A lot of people who are looking for love encounter heartbreak.

Heartbreak can be an initiation into deeper and deeper zones of compassion, if you allow your heart really to be broken open. The best advice I've ever been given is very difficult — it's very simple — "Always keep the heart open." If you do, what you come to understand is your identity with all suffering beings. From that recognition is born slowly an unconditional compassion, which

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Pieces of Quilt

metaphorically. "It's been almost 20 years," says Blackman, "and it was time for playwrights to con-

One of the first to respond was Edward Albee, who not only wrote a play himself, but also brought other writers of national renown on board for the project. When I last spoke to Blackman in March, plays were just beginning to come in. Now, six months later, To scripts written by such theatri-cal luminaries as David Henry Hwang, Sandra Bernhard, Tony Kushner, and Craig Lucas have ar-rived. Blackman is amazed at the response, and at the high quality of the work. "Because I asked for a short

piece, the playwrights didn't have

the burden of trying to write a three-act play for Broadway. They didn't have to compete with Tony Kushner's work. The result, I think, was liberating."

Blackman is particularly pleased by the wide variety in structure and content of the work submitted. "I was afraid we'd get 20 monologues set in a hospital bed, performed by a dying gay man. But the writers just took off." The plays are funny and outrageous, poetic and angry, monologues as well as multi-character

rageous, poetic and angry, monologues as well as multi-character pieces. "Every piece goes beyond my expectations. These are incredibly well-written plays."

Blackman hopes that writers will continue to write new pieces for Quilt. "I'd like to see an evergrowing collection of plays that will speak to a variety of groups.

AIDS has lots of faces, and people AIDS has lots of faces, and people need to see them all."

Don't think, though, that an evening of AIDS plays will be a downer. "You definitely won't want to commit suicide at the end of the performance," Blackman laughs. "You'll be moved because part of what the evening is about is loss, and we've all experienced loss, but it's really an exhilarating evening."

The project always had a two-

Quilt is done," Blackman explains, "it's a benefit. Proceeds from this production will go to Project Open Hand and The Names Project. Getting food to people seemed a pretty basic and important thing, and, of course, we have a connection to The Names Project because of the kind of show it is." Blackman set up the Alma Delfina Foundation, named for his fina Foundation, named for his

I think of political theatre, I think of [Bertolt] Brecht, Caryl Churchill, or David Hare. We don't really do that kind of work in this country. But [Magic's] board is very interested in this kind of work. Their favorite play last season was A Huey P. Newton Story."

Story."

Pieces of the Quilt is a collection of plays written by some of the



Blackman: "It was time for playwrights to confront the issue directly."

fold purpose, says Blackman. "I al-ways wanted the plays to be good theatre, but I also wanted them to reach a wide audience, to create community." He sees the plays as a way for grass roots organizations to come together in a common purpose. To this end, rights to produce the plays are only available to those organizations who commit all proceeds above production costs "in perpetuity" to local AIDS service organizations. "Every time

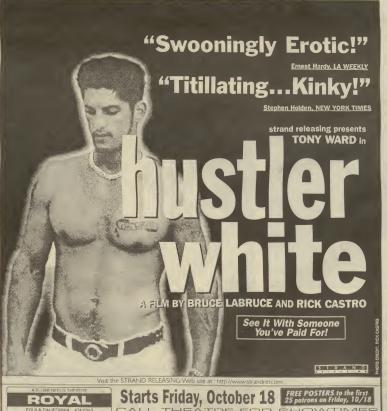
mother, to oversee distribution of the funds.

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Magic's Mame Hunt shares
Blackman's enthusiasm for the
work. "We don't often get the opportunity," she explains, "to produce a play, or in this case, a collection of plays, that connects us
so directly to the community."
The Magic Theatre has a long history of supporting new work, but the wage rince has a long instruction of supporting new work, but Hunt is equally encouraged at the political nature of this project. "We've been moving toward more political work, more socially conscious work. But it's subtle. When greatest American playwrights of this century. Politics aside, they represent heartfelt work by writers with something vitally important to say. Hunt thinks the plays are about "healing and mourning, but more importantly, they're about celebrating all of our lives." In the second decade of the playue, celesecond decade of the plague, celebration is imperative.

Pieces of the Quilt is at the Magic Theatre through November 17. Call 441-8822







Gilding the lily

Copley production of Rossini's 'Barber' overreaches

by Paul Thomason

hen the curtain came down at the end of the San Francisco Opera's first performance this season of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* last Thursday at the Orpheum Theatre,

rossin's The Barber of Sevine last Thursday at the Orpheum Theatre, my companion muttered, "Well, my mother always said be careful what you wish for 'cause you just might get it. She was right."

Aficionados who had prayed the company would actually present an opera with the ending the composer wrote finally got their wish with Barber, the fourth of nine operas being performed this season. Stage director John Copley did not end Rossini's sparkling comedy of manners by killing off the happy newlyweds, but he did something just as heinous by smothering the work in unrelieved vulgarity.

In Copley's version, Figaro makes his entrance, not walking down the street fully clothed and carrying his guitar, but from inside Dr. Bartolo's house, with a clinging female and wearing a

clinging female and wearing a very brief nightshirt. He leaves a very brief nightshirt. He leaves a bit of the white shirt poking out of the fly of his red pants, finally teasing and prodding it inside, after which he then sticks a hand into his crotch to adjust every-thing while smirking at the audi-ence. In the second act, Figaro uses a huge rectal thermometer on Dr. Basilio, and Berta's aria (sung by Catherine Cook) is accompanied by a striptease watched through the keyhole in the door by Bartolo's servant, who caresses himself and licks his lips

throughout the whole number.
Rossini's superb Act I finale is totally negated by Copley, who



Jennifer Larmore and Dmitri Hvorostovsky

banishes the singers to the second story of Alfred Siercke's three-story set, lest the music get in the way of the dumb show by the sol-diers on the ground floor: A lesson in how to twirl a baton turns into a rowing pantomime, which then becomes a charade of Washington crossing the Delaware, sailors bailing out of a sinking boat, spying women in the distance, and finally getting seasick. None of this, nor most of Copley's direction, has anything to do with Rossini, *The Barber of Seville*, or the sharp wit of Italian opera buffo. It has everything to do with son in how to twirl a baton turns buffo. It has everything to do with a stage director who seems ob-sessed with penises, buttocks, and vulgarity, and who can only re-peat tired operatic clichés (like a peat the Operatic Chicks (the a tenor pulling out a white hand-kerchief a la Pavarotti before his first aria) in a desperate effort to distract the audience from the opera itself. Copley's disdain for, or ignorance of, Rossini's *Barber*

is so complete he will no doubt become a regular member of General Director Lotfi Mansouri's

team for years to come.

Unfortunately, some members of the first of the two casts performing the opera took the heavy-handed staging into their musical performances, not that they were helped by Bruno Campanella's spiritless conducting. In his company debut, baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky was inadequate as Figaro. He barked, shouted, posrigaro. He barked, shouled, pos-tured, and looked at the audience obsessively as if to ask, "Aren't I just adorable?" He pushed his beautiful, rich voice to the point of distortion and did not articulate cleanly. That's a pity, since the one or two phrases he sang naturally showed

he could sing notes accurately.
Mezzo Jennifer Larmore's
Rosina was just as brutal. Her coloratura was amazingly accurate but so mechanical she might as well have been singing warm-up

scales in her dressing room. The singer's voice is becoming uneven with a distinct fraying at the bottom, and there was so little charm or allure to her Rosina I pitied poor Count Almaviva (tenor Bruce Ford) when he married her. It was left to Ford and basbaritone John Del Carlo (Dr. Bartolo) to show that accurate singing and polished phrases go a long way in creating characters in Rossini's operas. Both were superb. Bass Alastair Miles began his big aria nicely but I was so distracted by Copley's staging with its overflowing beakers of chemicals and their ultimate explosions that I have no idea what the last left of the size surned like. that I have no idea what the last half of the aria sounded like. Fortunately the next evening's

cast had Patrick Summers on the podium. Anyone attending the Orpheum for the first time Friday Orpheum for the first time Friday would have thought it was the perfect theater for opera. The quirky pit, which had eaten instrumental colors for Boheme, Hamlet and Thursday's Barber, was alive with nuances. The orchestra played brilliantly for Summers, who brought out all the gorgeous timbres and textures of Rossini's rich score and supported the singers with a constantly alive, rhythmic pulse while allowing them the freedom to shape and mold their (nicely embellished) lines. Alas, I had to leave after the first act, but that act was one of the best performances of *Barber* I have ever heard, live or recorded. Earle Patriarco's Figaro was su-

perb — funny, charming, beautifully sung, and a constant delight, as was Mika Shigematsu's Rosina. Rossini would have been delighted with them both. Tenor Robered with them both. Jenor Rober-to Saccà, in his U.S. opera debut, was suffering from a throat infec-tion but still managed to pull off an engaging Count Almaviva. Steven Condy was Dr. Bartolo and

Chester Patton, Basilio.
To truly enjoy Rossini's Barber of Seville, forget the big international names, get a ticket for one of the "B" cast's three remaining performances (October 19, 24 and 26 matinee) and just shut your eyes. ▼

The Barber of Seville continues at the Orpheum Theatre through Oct. 28. For tickets (\$21 to \$125) and information call (415) 864-3330.

Andrew Harvey

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is the source of real illumination. So heartbreak isn't necessarily a bad thing?

Suffering is essential on the path san a way of purifying and clarify-ing the spirit. Don't run after it, but don't run away from it, be-cause it can have a deep teaching hidden in it. And then deeper and richer joy is possible

Certain popular performers are worshipped for their ability to suffer. Do they have a place in your cosmology?

The visionary feminine artist who suffers symbolizes the crucified inner woman in everybody. Peo-ple like Maria Callas and Judy Garland and Billie Holiday and even the great Greta Garbo are transmitting — whether con-sciously or not — something of the suffering and outrage and des-olation of the repressed feminine. They're priestesses of love. I wouldn't call them masochists. They register the defeats and humiliations that an authentic search for love risks in a time as cruel as ours

Where's a good place for a seeker

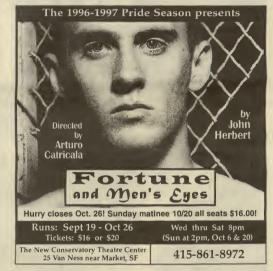
A great place for anybody to start would be to read [the great Sufi poet] Rumi. And to open up to the glory and wonder of what Rumi is talking about. He embraced all paths to the divine, was not at all dogmatic, and stressed the path of love and of passion. It's a very human vision. And he's such a great poet.

So a person doesn't need to join a group?

The easiest way to achieve the divine awakening is to combine very simple forms of daily meditation with prayer and the saying of mantras in the heart, and to focus on serving everybody in your life — from your beloved to your friends, to people you work with, on into your political and economic choices in the world. What's essential is to keep vulnerable, to accept the precariousness of the search, and to trust in the possibility of divine intimacy and to work from there, in the center of the world.

Andrew Harvey will lead a workshop on Rumi Saturday, Oct. 19 (5 p.m.) at the Whole Life Expo at the San Francisco Fashion Center, Eighth and Townsend Streets. Workshops are \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Call 721-2484 for tickets and information.







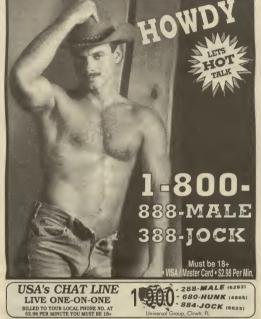


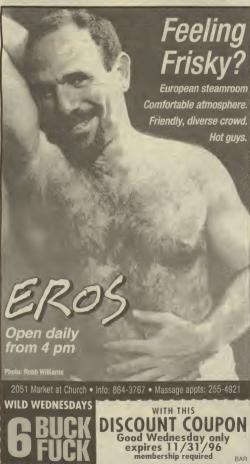
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Members of the Neil Greenberg Dance Company perform Not-About-AIDS-Dance.

Dancing with the enemy

Local dancemakers, Joffrey bio address impact of AIDS on the dance

by Wendell Ricketts

nyone who surveyed the dance world's response to AIDS at the end of the 1980s might have despaired that the profession would ever find its way beyond the secrecy it seemed to be sowing. As the 1990s dawned, in fact, high-end professional dance — the big-name ballet companies and a handful of well-known, mostly New York-based modern troupes — had indeed become "the nation's closet," the name Los Angeles writer Sasha Anawalt gives it in her just-re-leased biography, The Joffrey Ballet: Robert Joffrey and the Making of an American Dance Company.

Anawalt's description, of

Anawalt's description, of course, refers not only to the gay closet, but to the one that hides closet, but to the one that hides AIDS. Indeed, if the dance world's upper echelon was coy about the number and influence of gay men in the profession, it was struck nearly mute when AIDS began to hit, especially when Joffrey himself succumbed.

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The founder and artistic director of the Joffrey Ballet and a visionary of American dance, Joffrey had been called the "ultimate ballet director of our time." When the announcement came in March 1988 that he had been forced to "suspend his day-to-day

management" of the company, reporters were told that Joffrey was suffering from "asthma and liver complications." Joffrey Sied one week later — of AIDS.

Or consider Alvin Ailey, a dancer, choreographer, and director who was arguably the most important African-American dance maker in this half of the century. When Ailey died in Decentury. century. When Ailey died in De-cember 1989, his death was at-tributed to a "rare blood disease." That remains the company's offi-cial position.

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The most widely publicized AIDS loss in the dance world came in January 1993 with the death of Rudolf Nureyev. Although Nureyev learned he had HIV in 1984, he remained moreor less healthy through 1990. As AIDS began to take a greater toll on Nureyev's health, however, the task of keeping his diagnosis hid-den from the world fell to an inner circle of friends. According inner circle of friends. According to Anawalt, then a dance writer for the Los Angeles Times who had interviewed Nureyev in July 1992, Nureyev was, near the end of his life, "terrified that he would be 'outed' like Arthur Ashe."

As with Ailey and Joffrey, the true nature of Nureyev's illness was first reported only after his death, a fact underscored by the comments of American Ballet

comments of American Ballet Theater's director, Les Schoof, in

a 1992 interview: "The irony is that what that has boiled down to, in the ballet world, is a whole sense of fear about exposing the business to criticism about gay-ness again, and less a matter of dealing effectively with a health crisis." The desire to live down the homosexual stereotype in dance, in other words, was often transmuted into a demanding protocol of invisibility around AIDS.

Fancy footwork

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When "big" dance did respond
to AIDS, it was usually in the form
of lavish benefits and vague encomiums about the great talents
that had been "lost." And when
work ostensibly about AIDS did
appear in the repertory of
renowned companies, it frequently required more than a little reading between the lines.
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Lubovitch's 1985 Concerto Six
Twenty-Two, for example, features
a mannered, heavily encoded,
rather deliberately dehomosexualized duet for two men as the
central adagio. Lubovitch's publicists nonetheless made it clear
that Six Twenty-Two was "about
AIDS," and the ballet began to be
called "the dance world's AIDS
anthem," at least in part because
equally well-known work on the
subject didn't yet exist.

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co Ballet presented British choreographer David Bintley's murky The Dance House (1994) — and The Dance House (1994) — and the dissembling continued. Bintley, in a comment recorded in SFB's program note, allowed as how Dance Houseauth

SFB's program note, allowed as how Dance House was a memorial to a friend who had died of AIDS, but, he says, "I didn't mention AIDS to the Company until the ballet was finished. That's not the point. The piece could be about the death of anybody."

But the premiere of The Dance House at San Francisco Ballet displaced another irony: Barely two years earlier, in 1993, the then-director of the Ballet, loyce Moffat, was publicly insisting that the company employed no dancers with HIV or an AIDS diagnosis, though there were, in fact, five though there were, in fact, five such dancers at the time. In other words, it became pos-

sible to mention AIDS, but not to own it. And many professional dancers with HIV still believe their careers and their livelihoods would be in danger if their diagnoses were known to their employers. One of those five SFB dancers, in fact, robust and strong several years after testing HIV-an-tibody-positive, ultimately left the Ballet in frustration when the artistic director simply stopped casting him — ostensibly out of concern for his health.



Gerald Arpino (standing) and Robert Joffrey, in 1946

But there has always been a parallel response to AIDS in dance, and the most courageous and inspiring work has come from smaller dance companies and independent choreographers, not a few of them in the Bay Area. not a few of them in the Bay Area. San Francisco choreographer and dancer Joe Goode, for example, whose work includes the 1989 Disaster Series and the 1991 Remembering the Pool at the Best Western, both "inflected," in Goode's terminology, by the AIDS death of Goode's friend Vernon Fuqua, puts it this way: "Having lived in New York and San Francisco you, find yourself in this cisco you find yourself in this

decade, particularly if you're a gay decade, particularly I you're a gay man, living in an AIDS culture. And I don't just mean artistic cul-ture. Everything that I do and am is affected by this epidemic."

Those effects are commemorat-

ed and celebrated this month in the Bay Area as Dancers' Group/Footwork, the Bay Area Dance Series, and local and national artists pre-sent events and performances that illustrate the effect of AIDS on art, on artists, and on the communities in which we live

in which we live.

A good place to start is Dancers' Group/Footwork's The Dedication Project (see sidebar), a three-part series that began last week with "Thinking of You," a collection of videotaped performances by local dancers and choreographers John Henry, Luis Antonio Gonzalez, Frank Everett, Tomm Ruud, Joah Lowe, Tracy Rhoades, Rodney Price, and Ben Rhoades, Rodney Price, and Ben Carter, all of whom are now dead.

The videos may end up in the Performing Arts Library and Museum, an archive that is one of San Francisco's best-kept art secrets, but perhaps Dancers' Group will find a way to show them again. Taken all way to show them again. Taken an in one sitting they are a devastating reminder of the Bay Area's dance community's decimation.

Part 2 of The Dedication Project, "A Tribute to Ed Mock," celebrates the dynamic teacher, chore-

ographer, and performer who died in 1986. Mock's Mission Street in 1986. Mock's Mission Street studio was heart and home to some of the most vital dance work in San Francisco, and "A Tribute" features videos of performances and a rare interview with Mock; live performances by Mock Dance Company alumni Pearl Ubungen, Wayne Hazzard, Shakiri, and others; and the reconstruction of

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Moving violations

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resident (Lyndon) Johnson had entered his first full year in office positively disposed toward government subsidy of the arts. He had already established the National Council on the Arts, and by March 1965 the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities was created by law, events (which led) to the establishment in mid-September of the National Endowment for the Arts, chaired by Roger Stevens. In late December the NEA's first grant went to American Ballet Theatre. It was an emergency matching grant of \$100,000 to enable the troupe to continue operations, and an additional matching grant of \$250,000 to support a nationwide tour. Although nobody within the NEA doubted the wisdom of allocating 14 percent of its entire initial budget for all the performing and visual arts to ABT — because the grant virtually rescued the company from collapse on its twenty-fifth anniversary — some homophobic congressmen protested.

During a public session, a congressman from a rural district in Virginia addressed himself off the record to Roger Stevens, but his remarks were recorded by Livingston Biddle, deputy chairman of the NEA, in his book Our Government and the Arts...

"Mr. Stevens," said the Congressman when the court stenographer's fingers ceased to move over the keys of his transcribing machine, "Isn't it true that most of the so-called male dancers in these companies you're talking about — isn't it true that most of them are — well—homosexuals?" There was a hint of laughter in the voice, to soften the element of probing derision. "Just for my own information, isn't that true?"

"It may be true in a few instances," Stevens said without raising his ident (Lyndon) Johnson had entered his first full year in

that true?"

"It may be true in a few instances," Stevens said without raising his voice, "but I guarantee you this, Mr. Congressman: If any male dancer happened by right now, he'd be strong enough to pick you up by the waist and ... throw you straight out of the window!"

Biddle also recalled that during the NEA's first days, George Mahon, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, told Roger Stevens that funding was promised to him as long as the NEA gave "no funding to dance." Dance was synonymous with homosexuality in the minds of many, and into the government's closet it went.

On October 29, 1985, Aladar Marberger (Joffrey's lover) learned that he had Kaposi's sarcoma. Whereas Marberger was outspoken about his illness and discussed his "spirited way of dealing with the disease" in several newspapers and such magazines as *Time* and *Vanity Fair*, as well as in a television documentary, Joffrey elected

to be silent.

"Robert did not open up to Aladar about AIDS, but Robert was so proud that Aladar could be what he couldn't be," said Barbara Schwartz. "Robert admired Aladar's courage to speak out in public and draw people's attention to finding a cure."

"AIDS was not a gay issue for Aladar," said Donna Marberger. "It was a disease, and he wanted to break the stigma. He [put] down people who hid from it. But he loved Robert and respected his privacy even though it made him said not to be able to talk about AIDS.

vacy, even though it made him sad not to be able to talk about AIDS with him. They were both so scared."

After Ben Sommers, president of Capezio Ballet Makers and Estelle's husband, had died, Joffrey called her every night. "I think Aladar and I were the only two people who knew about his health," said Sommers. "He was ashamed."



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Events and performances:

October 17-20: Neil Greenberg's Not About AIDS Dance and The Disco Project (West Coast pre-mieres). Cowell Theater, SF. Various times. Call 392-4400 for details.

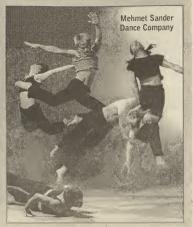
October 17-19: Tribute to Ed Mock. Part 2 of The Dedication Project features an appearance by novelist and screenwriter Jessica Hagedorn plus videos and live performances by Bay Area artists (and former Mock dancers) Pearl Ubungen, Shakiri, Wayne Hazzard, and others. ODC/Performance Gallery, 3153-17th Street, SF (824-5044).

October 19: How to Make Dances in an Epidemic: A Performance Discussion Event. Choreographers and dancers from New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco share their thoughts about life and work in the AIDS era. Panelists are Neil Greenberg, Mehmet Sander, Jesselito Bie, and Wayne Hazzard. A benefit for The Parachute Fund, the country's only emergency-aid fund specifically for dance professionals with life-threatening illnesses.

ODC/Performance Gallery, 3153-17th Street, SF, 2 p.m.

October 21-26: Visceral Video Festival. Part 3 of The Dedication Project celebrates the ephemeral art of dance on film and features curator Jon Weaver's Sex & Gender in San Francisco Performance 1989-1990 (October 22, 23, 26); curator Wayne Hazzard's Wayne's World, a reflection on 15 years in the Bay Area dance community (October 21, 24, 26); Ken James' Unique Visions, a sampler of video-dance work from around the world (October 21, 23, 25); and Kate Foley's Indian "Filmy Dance," a look at "IndiPop" choreography from modern Indian Cinema (October 22, 24, 25). Dancers' Group/Footwork, 3221-22nd Street. 25). Dancers' Group/Footwork, 3221-22nd Street, SF (Call -824-5044 for times).

October 25-26: Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, in performance October 25-26, Zellerbach Hall, Berkeley, 8 p.m. (510.642.9988). BTJ/AZDC also offers a Two-Day Intensive Workshop for dancers In San Francisco, October 22-23 (415-647-2200).



Thru October 26: A Face in the Crowd: Mixed-Media Installation by Venée Call-Ferrer in con-junction with The Dedication Project. Visitors are encouraged to add something to the walls in re-membrance of those living with AIDS and those the world has lost. Dancers' Group/Footwork Gallery, 3221-22nd Street, SF.

November 1-3: Mehmet Sander Dance Company and Jesselito Bie's Steamroller. Bie's Into the Drift and Sway is a frenetic, site-specific piece based upon text and images from David Wojnarowicz's Memories That Smell Like Gasoline. Laney College, Oakland (415-392-4400). Fri-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 7 p.m.

November 7: Sasha Anawalt, author of the just-released Joffrey Ballet: Robert Joffrey and the Making of an American Dance Company, speaks on Making of an American Danie Company, speaks of Joffrey, the history of his dance troupe, and on the uneasy relationship between the arts, business, and politics in this country. SF Ballet Building, 455 Franklin Street, SF, 7 p.m.

Dancing

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Mock's 1985 Tight Like That.

The final part of The Dedica-tion Project is the "Visceral Video Festival," a series dedicated to na-tional and international dance videos. One of the four evenings, 'Sex & Gender in San Francisco Performance 1989-1990," is curated by San Francisco performer Jon Weaver, whose annual "Men Danc-ing" concerts have often provided a forum for local choreographers

a forum for local choreographers exploring responses to AIDS.

A kind of video anthology, "Sex and Gender" includes Keith Hennessy's Saliva; Rachel Kaplan's Baby, High Risk Group's Brides of Frankenstein; Liz Ozol's Breast Implantation; and Jon Weaver's Cum Armageddon. Says Weaver, "There was [in the years around 1989-1990] the coalescing of a lot of new voices and new [performediates]. new voices and new [performance] spaces in San Francisco. There was a liveliness to the 'underground' and a real opening at the time — to be talking about gender, authority, sexuality. All of that represented a coming together with what was happening in the that represented a coming together with what was happening in the bigger community: ACT UP, Queer Nation, Riot Girlz. That was very much reflected on stage,

and I wanted to put that together in this form and look at it again." Keep an eye out, too, for per-formances by Mehmet Sander's company and Jesse Bie's Steamroller troupe; the West Coast pre-miere of Neil Greenberg's Not-About-AIDS Dance, the winner of About-AIDS of the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane dance company, whose infamous 1993-1994 Still/Here inspired an Arlene Croce rant on the subject of "victim art"; and a slide show/lec-

"victim art"; and a slide show/lec-ture on Joffrey by Sasha Anawalt. If responding to ALDS and to the reality of gay lives has some-times turned the dance world into the nation's closet, the Bay Area this month provides an opportu-nity to encounter the work of per-formers, choreographers, writers, and other dance artists who have and other dance artists who have instead made it their business to be the nation's conscience. There are heroes in our midst. ▼





Blondes

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nics with Cary Grant in Thief and offers him chicken by asking, "Would you like a breast or a leg,"

Novak didn't need Hitchcock to thaw her. Joshua Logan had ig-nited her sensuousness in *Picnie* (1955) and Richard Quine framed her mysteriousness in Bell, Book, and Candle (1958), where James Stewart is the man winning her warm witch's heart. A former model, she had a walk-on in a 1954 Jane Russell musical, *The* French Line. A Columbia casting agent tested her and she got a lead opposite Fred MacMurray in Pushover (1954). Megalomaniac Columbia Studios head Harry Cohn, desperate to replace his most famous, but rapidly aging, Novak would do nicely. She got a supporting role in the comedy *Phffft!* (1954) as the other woman Priffic (1954) as the other woman challenging Judy Holliday for Jack Lemmon. Then came *Picnic*, which made her the hottest new face in Hollywood.

Critics compared her to the

Crack'd. ("Marina, darling, I see you not only kept your gorgeous figure, but added so much to it.")

Take out the trash

Trashier than Kelly and Novak, Dorothy Malone got her big break in 1946's *The Big Sleep* (as a brunette; she became a blonde later) when she closed her book-store, loosened her hair, removed her glasses, and had a quickie with Humphrey Bogart. She went on to star in melodramas at Universal, winning a supporting Oscar for her futile attempts to seduce Rock Hudson in 1956's Written On The Wind. A year earlier she had better success in bedding Marine recruit success in bedding Marine recruit Tab Hunter in Battle Cry. As the seduction scene fades, Malone says to shy Tab, "I bet you think I'm cheap." (No, dear, just lucky.) Possibly the cheapest of the blondes, Shelley Winters first got attention in the '40s, when Ronald Coleman murdered her in A Double Life (1947). She played many

Coleman muturetee her in A Don-ble Life (1947). She played many "tramps," but toned down her looks for "serious" roles, such as Elizabeth Taylor's drab rival for Montgomery Clift in A Place In The Sun (1951). She went on to win a supporting Oscar for 1959's

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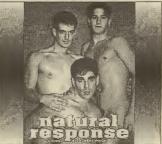
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Novak replaced the pregnant Vera Miles in 'Vertigo', ensuring her place forever in film history.

early Dietrich: she had a shy quality, a husky voice, and, on screen, seemed to be holding something back, which gave her a mysterious allure. Cohn rushed her into The Man With The Golden Arm (1955) with Frank Sinatra and The Eddie Durkhis Consonic Trees (1956). with Frank Sinatra and The Eddie Duchin Story (1956), opposite Tyrone Power. Both were huge hits, making Novak Hollywood's most popular actress of 1956. Despite being woefully miscast in Pal Joey (1957), she helped make it a box-office smash. The critics turned on her, though, and she was panned in Jeanne Eagels (1957). Nevertheless, Hitchcock wanted her to replace the pregnant Vera Miles in Vertigo, ensuring Novak's place forever in film history.

A string of so-so films meant that by the mid-60s Novak was already semi-retired, first to Carmel, and then to Oregon, where she and her second hus-

where she and her second husband, a veterinarian, keep a veritable Noah's Ark of animals. She (along with Dietrich) supported David Bowie in the bizarre Just A Gigolo (1978) and traded insults superbly with a matronly Eliza-beth Taylor in 1980's *The Mirror*

The Diary of Anne Frank, and in the early '60s landed one of the greatest roles of her career, as Charlotte Hayes, in Stanley Kubrick's 1962 film Lolita. She is still working today.

As trashy as Malone and more manipulative than Winters, Gloria Grahame also began in the '40s and is the only good thing in Frank Capra's inexplicably popular It's A Wonderful Life (1946). Superb in Crossfire (1948), she Superb in Crossfire (1948), she won a supporting Oscar in 1952, as both The Bad And The Beautias both The Bad And The Beauti-ful, and in that same year tempted Jack Palance away from Joan Crawford in Sudden Fear. Her peak came in 1954, when Fritz Lang cast her as a moll in The Big Heat. She decides to go straight, helping cop Glenn Ford. Mobster Lee Marvin scalds her face in revenge, but she returns the favor. She showed her versatility as Ado Annie in *Oklahoma* (1956), but the decline had begun. Her kinky perversity got one more (brief) chance in *Odds Against Tomorrow* (1959) where, disrobing for murderer Robert Ryan, she asks what it felt like to kill a man.

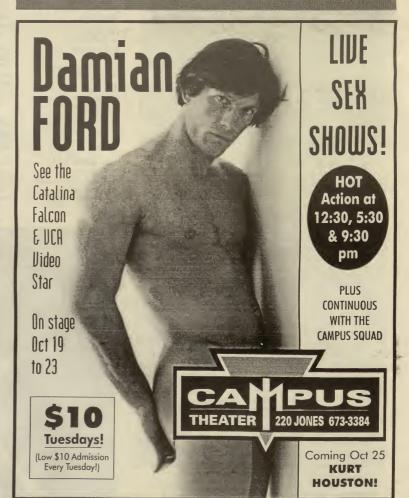
Vertigo

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Vertigo can be read as many things, but one of the most inter esting angles is Scottie as a double for Hitchcock, with the detective's for Hitchcock, with the detective's abusive/idolatrous relationship toward Madeleine/ludy an artistic rendering of the director's well-known misogyny. While all of the film has the enclosed, paranoid atmosphere of a horror film, one of the most frightening passages is Scottie's courtship of Judy, which substitutes a kind of desperate control for the warmth he felt for Madeleine. Scottie's crazed de-mand that Judy become Madeleine mimics the director's attempts to "force" a performance out of Kim Novak — his second, reluctant choice for the role (Vera Miles was the first). Novak's uneasiness and Stewart's sweaty hys-terics are palpable and seem to spill outside the tightly controlled

narrative.
After the failure of Vertigo, Hitchcock returned to less threat-ening territory. North by Northwest is a masterful achievement with To Catch a Thief's light, but in doing so, it has a mild air of compromise. Vertigo failed initially because it refused to cede convention, to please the crowd, a "failure" that now, 40 years later, looks like a great success. ▼

A new, 70 mm print of Vertigo runs Oct. 18 — Nov. 7 at the Castro Theatre. On Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Kim Novak will be interviewed live onstage at the Professor Albert Johnson.
Tickets are \$25. A post-film party follows at Vertigo restaurant. Tickets (including film) are \$175. For information, call 621-2255 or 931-FILM.



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sian Art Museum Director Emily J. Sano calls it "the most remarkable exhibition of the 20th Century." Splendors of Imperial China: Treasures from the National Palace Museum, Taipei is a show of 4,000 years' worth of Chinese art treasures, the likes of which America will almost certainly never see again. When the exhibit was announced in Taiwan, a political tempest ensued, some Chinese insisting that the rare and price-less collection not undergo the rigors less collection not undergo the rigors of overseas travel. Although some pieces were then struck off the list,

pieces were then struck off the list, nearly 350 rare and priceless artworks comprise the blockbuster show.

The National Palace Museum houses China's patrimony, personal collections of the emperors dating back to the Hsia Dynasty (2100-1600 BC). The exhibit is arranged chronoparisally ranging from accient idea. BCJ. The exhibit is arranged chrono-logically, ranging from ancient jade discs (pi) and bronze ritual vessels from the Shang and Chou dynasties; through masterworks of calligraphy, figure and landscape scrolls from the Sung through Ch'ing periods; to in-credibly beautiful cranics, imperial

Sung through Ch'ing periods; to incredibly beautiful ceramics, imperial collections of cloisonné, enamels, lacquer boxes, and writing tools.

The Ming Dynasty porcelains are justly famed for their stunningly delicate beauty, and there is much here to delight the connoisseur—bowls with blue underglaze and red overglaze, cups with yellow and green enamel glaze, and the pristine white porcelain which was considered the zenith of the craft.

One could spend hours admiring

one could spend hours admiring the intricacies of the T'ang and Ch'ing dynasty treasure boxes with their se-cret compartments for jade and jewel-ry, carved wood vessels for tiny antiq-

uities which replicate in miniature the imperial art collections.

Many of these spiritual paintings and exquisite objects are almost holy in the context of their culture: even so small an object as an emperor's seal had, for its society, the weight of a king's crown. A visit to the Asian Art Museum's reverent installation of the show is like a rare opportunity to step into a treasure box. ▼

"Splendors of Imperial China: Treasures from the National Palace Museum, Taipei" shows through December 8 at the Asian Art Museum, in Golden Gate Park. Admission is \$9.50. Information hotline: 379-8801



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Beer Bust

Sponsored by Greg & Tina St. James. \$5, benefits Rita Rocket Foundation, Brunches on 5A, SFGH. 8-10pm. Powerhouse, 1347 Folsom. 621-3917.

The Dedication Project:

Project:
"Tribute to Ed Mock," master choreographer, dancer, teacher. Performances by Pearl Ubungen, Shakiri, more. Thurs.-Sat. thru 10/19 at 8pm. \$10-50. ODC/Performance Gallery Theater, 3153 17th St. 824-5044.

Deporting the Divas

Guillermo Reyes' sequel to "Men on the Verge of a Hispanic Breakdown," a look at the gay immigrant experience. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, extended thru 10/26, \$14-18. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2916 16th St. 861-5079.

Fat Girl

Zine for fat dykes and the women who want them, con-tributors and collective mem-bers read, free. 7:30pm. Mod-ern Times, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

Hong Kong Memories

Patrick Lee's play: Hong Kong on the verge of '97. Wed.-Sun. thru 11/3, call for times. \$13-15. Tonight at 8pm. Noh Space, 2840 Mari-posa. 621-7978.

Jungle Red

Jungle Red Artfull Circle Theatre's "all-girl" musical comedy based on "The Women." Donna Sa-chet, Ann Drogynous, Birdle Bob Watt, more. Wed-Sat. at 8pm thru 10/26. \$15. Lor-raine Hansberry Theatre, 500 Sutter. 621-5455.

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Dance Festival Bongo Bros., Dance Brigade, Veronica Combs, more. Fri. & Sat. at 8:30pm thru 10/19. \$13.50 advance, \$15 door. Brady Street Dance Centre. 60 Brady. 558-9355.

Contemporary Ballet
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in rotating repertory. Wed.Sun. thru 10/27 at 7:30pm.
\$7-30. Center for the Arts,
Yerba Buena Gardens. 978-ARTS.

Margaret Wall-Romana

Recent paintings. Reception tonight, 6pm. Tues.-Sat. thr 12/1. Bucheon Gallery, 355 Hayes. 863-2891.

The Night Boat

The Night Boat 42nd St. Moon's production of Jerome Kern's 1920s musical opens. Thurs.-Sun. thru 10/20, call for times. \$18. Tonight at 8pm. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

'90s Glitter Rock

Three fabulous bands: Blue Period, Bite, Candyass. Free show! 9pm. Transmission Theatre, 11th & Folsom. 861-6906.

Oakland Ballet

Premiers of Antony Tudor's "Dark Elegies" and Caniparoli's "Bow Out." Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm. 6-36. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 762-2277.

Pop-Cult Amnesia

Collection of "enchantingly vulgar" paintings by Mats, reception tonight, 8pm. Scairy Hairy Toys, 3804 17th St. 864-6543.

Vote!

Evening of political comedy and song: Tom Ammiano, Joan Jett Blakk, David Mills, Paul VanDeCarr. \$10. 10pm Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933



ArtBEAT

Early works of Bay Area artist Martha Mille, thru 10/24. Music and performances by guest poets tonight, 6-9pm. ARTwork Gallery, 1837 Divisadero. 673-3080 Cabaret

TheatreWorks presents the decadent musical. Tues.-Sun. thru 11/3. \$20-28. Tonight at 8pm, call for times. Mountain View Ctr. for Perf. Arts, Castro & Mercy, Mountain View. 903-6000.

ETVC Gender Fair

Meet experts in gender expression, specialty vendors, and costume and clothing merchants. \$7. 10am-5pm. Jelly's, Pier 50. 664-1499.

Fall Dance

Out on the Island hosts dance for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, \$10. 8pm. Alameda School of Dance Studio, 1402 Park, Alameda. (510) 337-1300.

Gay Comedy Night

Dolores Trevino, Rob Nash, Carla Carmony. \$10. 10pm Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Halloween: The Plays

The Sick and Twisted Players' double-feature fright fest, starring Omewenne as Jamie Lee Curtis. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm thru 11/2. \$10-15. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia, 826-5358.

The Invisible Government

Government Nat'l Conference on AIDS, War, Genocide and State Re-pression, speakers include Dr. Leonard Horowitz, Dennis Peron. \$5, 4pm-9:30pm. Trinity Episcopal Church, 1668 Gough. 776-2372.

Jules Beckman

"And Jim Santi Owen," per-cussionists and dancers present solo and duo work. \$5-10. 8:30pm. Jon Sims Cen-ter, 1519 Mission. 554-0402.

Kimo's Anniversary

Party celebrating 19 years. Open show, buffet. No cove 2 drink min'm. 8pm. Kimo' Penthouse, 1351 Polk. 885-4535.

Lost in the Stars:

"Chanticleer's Symphony Pops" concert by acclaimed all-male vocal ensemble, with orchestra led by Ettore Strat-ta. Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 7pm. \$19-26. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness. 392-4400.

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Open Studios

Artists open their studios in the Haight, Castro, Mission, Bernal Heights, more. Sat. & Sun., 11am-6pm. 861-9838.

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Holy Joe Rock'n'roll band led by Billy Valentine and Christa Hill-house (ex-4 Non Blondes), benefits Prop. 215, the Med-ical Marijuana Initiative. \$8. 10pm. Paradise Lounge, 1501 Folsom.

Joseph Sharp

Author of "Living Our Dying" in benefit book signing for AIDS Treatment Education Network. 1-3pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 284-6237.

Ken Miller

Speaking to the G40+ Club on "The Cardinal and the Comic," free. 2pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187
Franklin. 552-1997.

Leonard Horowitz

Author, "Emerging Viruses: AIDS and Ebola, Nature, Ac-cident or Intentional?" Free. 3:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

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Men of All Colors Together's Sutro Heights Park Brown Bag Picnic— byo. 1-3pm. 48th & Geary. 675-0201.

With Love, To Margo

Benefit for Margo St. James, candidate for supervisor: erot ic readings, performances by sex workers, more. \$4-8. lpm. Build, 483 Guerrero. 863-3041.



Gay Comedy Open Mike

Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone, MC Karen Ripley. \$5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Joseph W. Bean

Author, "Leathersex Q&A: Questions About Leathersex and the Leather Lifestyles Answered," reads, free. 7:30pm A Different Light, 489 Cas-tro. 431-0891.





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Sons of Darkness

Editor Thomas Roche and contributors read from new anthology of gay male vampire stories, free. 7:30pm. Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa, Kensington. (510) 559-9184.

Too Jewish?

"Challenging Traditional Identities," exhibition of artists exploring issues of contemporary American Jewish Identity. Sun.-Thurs. thru 1/5. \$5. Jewish Museum SF, 121 Steuart. 543-8880.



George Herms

"Works Saluting San Francisco," and "(nude)," the body in video, exhibitions. Tues.-Sat. thru 11/2. Catharine Clark Gallery, 49 Geary. 399-1439.

Josie's Pussycat Theatre

ATA presents queer cinema, incl. "Two Days at a Time" by Jackie Beat, "A New

Flag" by Mark Ewert & Josh Tager. \$7. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Michael Bowen

Beat Art exhibit, thru 1/1. Van Der Bërge Gallery, 405 Francisco. 693-9727.

Observant Eye:

"Portrait Drawings by Don Bachardy" thru 12/1. de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park.

Pieces of the Quilt

Short plays by Edward Albee, Jon Robin Baitz, Sandra Bernhard, more. Conceived by Sean San José Blackman as a mem'l to his parents, both of whom died of AIDS. Benefits whom died of AIDS. Benefits Project Open Hand and The Names Project. Opens tonight, 8:30pm. Runs Wed.-Sun. thru 11/17, call for times. \$15-21. Magic The-atre, Bldg. D, Fort Mason. 441-8822.

QTV-San Francisco

"The Best of QTV," weekly lesbian & gay programming. 7pm. Cable Channel 47.

Queer Words 2

Gay and lesbian writers Bart Rawlinson, Patrick Ryan, Jenny Saarloos, and Canyon Sam read, benefits Cindy Kolb AIDS Fund at SFSU. 5pm. Poetry Center Reading Rm, HUM 512, SFSU, 1600 Holloway. 338-1527

Refiguring Nature

"Women in the Landscape" photography exhibition in-cludes Linda Connor, Nina Glaser, Ana Mendieta. Tues.-Sat. thru 11/23. SF Camera-115 Natoma 764-1001.

Sally Mann

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Margo St. James on her Sweet 16th birthday. "With Love, To Margo," a benefit for the candidate for supervisor at Build. See Sunday.

ate Family" and new work. Thru 11/2. Robert Koch Gallery, 49 Geary. 421-0122.

Sangha Evening

Informal discussion with Sojun Mel Weitsman on bud-dhist practice & spiritual liv-ing. 7:45pm. Hartford St. Zen Center, 57 Hartford. 863-2507.

Splendors of

Imperial China Survey of treasures from the National Palace Museum, Taipei. Tues.-Sun. thru 12/8. \$9.50. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park. 379-8801.

Women with Balls

The only women-ruled stand-up comedy room in SF. Tues, at 8pm. \$5. Cat's Grill, 1190 Folsom. 431-3332.

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After These Messages

Exhibition exploring American media, culture and individual identity. Reception today, 4-6pm. Thru 11/20. Student Center Art Gallery, SFSU, 1650 Holloway.

Beat Culture

"And the New America: 1950-1965," exhibition of painting, sculpture, film, in-stallations, music and spoken word. Thru 12/29, deYoung Museum, Golden Gate Park. 863-3330.

Carousel

Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical, romance between carnival barker and mill worker. Wed.-Sun. thru 11/10. \$32-55. Golden Gate Theatre, Taylor at Market. 776-1999.

Evan Wolfson

Director of Marriage Project for Lambda Legal Defense and Ed. Fund gives PFLAG Talk on politics of same-sex marriage, free. 7pm. Audito-rium, New Main Library, Civic Center.

Medea, the Musical John Fisher's hit play. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3pm thru 11/10. \$25-29. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason. 433-9500.

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Party
David Dillon's comedy: seven
gay friends play "Facts and
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Theatre, 430 Mason.
956-8497.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile

Steve Martin's comedy fea-turing the NY cast. Tues.-Sun., extended thru 1/5.

Tonight at 8pm, call for times. \$25-38. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post. 433-9500.

Rob Nash

"12 Steps to a More Dysfunc-tional Family, Part III," one-man six-character Dysfunctional Family Saga. Wed.-Sun. thru 10/27 at 8pm. \$12. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Thur

Crossing the Frontier:

"Photographs of the Develop-ing West, 1849 to the Pre-sent" exhibit, thru 1/5. SFMO-MA, 151 3rd St. 357-4000.

Low Brow Gods:

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Positive Motion

Body-movement workshop for men living with HIV or AIDS. Thurs. thru 12/5, 7:30pm and 12/14, 10am. \$60-100. 848 Community Space, 848 Di-visadero. 461-9479.

Robert Glück, Sarah Van Arsdale

The Poetry Center presents authors of "Jack the Modernist" and "Toward Amnessia." \$4. 7:30pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187
Franklin. 338-2227.

Trick

Genderfuck cabaret show, incl. Connie Champagne, Elvis Herselvis, Fennel Skel-lyman. \$5. 9pm-2am. CoCo Club, 139 8th St. 331-9595.

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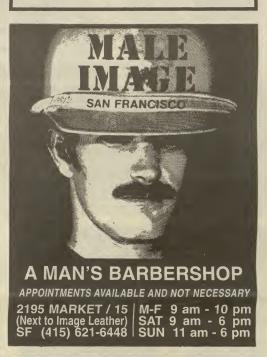
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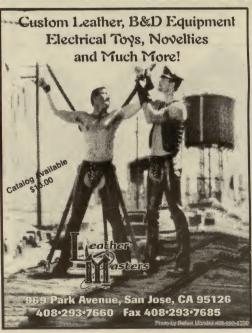
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Daunting dilemma

by Mister Marcus

he Centaur Motorcycle Club of D.C. was facing a dilemma. Their annual Leather Weekend – usually held in January on the Martin Luther King holiday weekend– just happened to fall in 1997 on inaugural weekend and not a room was available anywhere! Centaur MC member Jim Raymond held meetings with several Washington hotels to obtain a host hotel anyhotels to obtain a host hotel any-time after the inaugural. A final decision was made last week, and my exclusive for this week con-tains all the info you need to enjoy one of the best leather contest weekends of all.

weekends of all.
Leather Weekend '97 takes place in D.C. Jan. 24-26, and although it isn't a holiday weekend, the package price includes the Dark Dance Level II on Sunday for \$63, chargeable to your Visa or Mastercard by calling (800) 494-8497. Or you can mail your check to Centaur MC, P.O. Box 34193, Washington, D.C. 20043.
Food, a leather mart,

Food, a leather mart, lots of cocktails and a coupon book for free or discounted beverages and merchandise – plus the Mr. Mid-At-lantic Leather contest

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– are only a few of the
items you'll get in this incredible
package deal. Ask anyone who has
been to this particular event in the
past, and they'll tell you it's the
best bargain on the leather week-

end/contest circuit.

The head hostelry in 1997 is the Washington Plaza Hotel, with the Washington Plaza Hotel, with a \$79 fee for rooms that accommodate up to four persons! Just think – you and three of your favorite friends for as little as \$20 each per night! Don't wait to reserve your space. Call (800) 424-1140 to reserve now!

By the way, cancellations after Jan. 10, 1997, are subject to a \$10 processing fee. After Jan. 17, no checks will be accepted, and no refunds can be made after Jan. 17.

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Impressive presence

The San Francisco presence (leather and otherwise) in Wash-(leather and otherwise) in Wash-ington, D.C., last weekend was impressive. All three airports ser-vicing the capital were jammed with gay people who came for the final showing of the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt. Notables from every spectrum of the populace were on hand to volunteer, read names, and participate in a myri-ad of functions that taxed the read of functions that taxed the re-sources of virtually everyone involved.

It was more than a bit disconcerting to find that some of the bars in the P Street area had insti-tuted a cover charge. Long lines were the norm at every bar and restaurant, and Dupont Circle was just as crowded as it was for the March on Washington a few

ars ago.
The capital's leather community was very much in evidence with the Community Action Brotherhood (similar to our Inter-Club Fund) staging recep-tions, fundraisers for Brother Help Thyself (similar to our AIDS Emergency Fund), and even a block party/fair on P Street just off Dupont Circle. Erotic male icon Steve Kelso was there signing his hot new 1997 calendar from Colt Studios! Mr. Kelso was very friendly and endured being photographed by everyone who came near him.



mother and her children wait to hear the name of her husband and their father at the AIDS Quilt display in the nation's capital last weekend.

The candlelight vigil on Saturday night was both moving and sobering. If you were watching the news, you probably saw the coverage. Network television people were everywhere interviewing people, and thousands of cameras

recorded the scene. It was a wistful, nostalgic weekend. The atmosphere for the quilt viewers during the reading of names

was eerily calm and quiet. Volunteers were extremely pleasant, helpful and kind to people coping with the enormity of the week-Razaar

Reading names on the capital stage would be, I thought, a snap. The list of names is handed to you, you're introduced, and then you go down the list. However, it

you go down the list. However, it proved not to be such a snap after all. Many readers choked up, and some broke down when they reached the names of the loved ones they themselves had lost. It was very emotional, heartwrenching and sad.

On the up side, lots of leather people were in attendance from all over the world. International Ms. Leather Jill Carter came with her beloved, Viola Johnson. Mr. Northern California Drummer Taurus Webster, attired in black leather with red trim and looking leather with red trim and looking very hot, must have been pho-tographed a thousand times by both gay and straight camera

An experience like no other,



Mr. Northern California Drummer "Taurus" Webster listens attentively to the reading of names at the AIDS Quilt display.

the final AIDS Memorial Quilt display was inspiring. Memories of loved ones, I suspect, were painfully, wonderfully vivid in the minds of those studying the panels. I was particularly moved to meet a mother and her three children (see photo) who were sitting on the grass in front of the main stage waiting to hear the name of their husband/father. My deep and sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this important event.

Leather lunacy

In this corner of the world, most of the leather activity took place out of town. Oh well, it was place out of town. Oh well, it was Fleet Week, and some people seemed slightly annoyed by the noise generated by the Blue Angels zooming overhead. Some independent bikers made the trip to Death Valley's Zabriskie Point just to be part of a queer gathering in the desert. (No one will say why, but the Pegasus MOC canceled its participation in this loosely organized trip.)

The Golden Gate Guards staged its weekend bike run (final

The Golden Gate Guards staged its weekend bike run (final one of the season) to Camp Mendocino, and all reports have been raves and more raves. I have yet to hear which GGG members were in drag, but they will not go unre-ported. Hello Ms. Keith-etta, for-merly of Chicago. Is it true you're running for emperor? Say it isn't

I got back from Washington on Sunday morning, Oct. 13, in time to get to the Eagle for the Phoenix Uniform Club's beer Phoenix Uniform Club's beer bust, but I spent most of the time in the "brig" onstage (at least 45 minutes). However, it was for a worthy cause; patrons paid \$5 for 5 minutes to imprison their favorites. There were no toilet facilities in said brig, and Paul Maionchi, the jailer, refused to pass an empty bottle. It was hilarious, with Bobby Wong as the bookee/fingerprinter and Dennis Silva acting as though he were running for D.A.

What a great homecoming for

running for D.A.
What a great homecoming for a weary traveler, though Washington was very nice. My hosts there, Frank Nowicki, Jim McGlade and Vern Stewart, helped to make the weekend an unforgettable one. Special thanks to my friend, Mark Sessions of Cincinnati, whose penchant for older gray-haired penchant for older, gray-haired men made the trip all the more worthwhile.

worthwhile.

Traveling is fun and enlightening, but there's no place like home. San Francisco was glorious—the sun rising in the east as my United flight landed. I kissed many a quilt in Washington, but kissing the ground of Mecca was equally fulfilling.

LEATHER SCENE

EVENTURES IN LEATHER

Thursday, Oct. 17

Lou Duff's Dark Angel Productions presents "Decorative Rope Bondage" demonstrations at Power Exchange at 960 Harrison St. Call 550-0122 for time and price.
Constantines MC's "Trick & Treat" beer bust at Daddy's, 2000-2300, \$6, with prizes for best costume and raffle for Rita Rockett's Sunday brunches

Friday, Oct. 18

"Queen of the World" Ball at 174 King St. around 2100, with a \$10 ducat price, by The

Brothers Network.

AIDS Health Project and Blow Buddles present free anonymous HIV testing upstairs at 933 Harrison from 2200 to half-past midnight. Open to

Knights of Malta MC's pre-Halloween Hood & Mask beer bust for \$6, SF Eagle, 2100-2400. It should be a fun evening where you can drink all the beer you can handle.

Weekend, Oct. 19-20

Utica Tri's Mr. Upstate Leather contest week-end at their home bar, That Place, Utica, N.Y., with a \$65 weekend package that includes food,

beverages, a barbecue...if you're in the vicinity.
Jim Edmiston's "Concrete Sculpture" show at
369 Duncan (near Church St.), noon to 1700. Call

285-6998 for details.

Jim Leff's open studio at 170 Duboce St., No. 8, noon to 1700. Photorealism at its finest!

Saturday, Oct. 19

The 22nd annual "Date at Minsky's," the GDIs' annual drag show, with gaming tables at the SOMAR Gallery, 934 Brannan. Tix are \$5 advance'\$7 door. Call or fax 822-9161.

See the video of the \$F Eagle/Daddy's Leather

Pride float at Daddy's at 1500

Sunday, Oct. 20

Cal Eagles MC's "Oktoberfest" beer bust at the SF Eagle, 1600-1900, for \$8 and delicious food. Municipal Court Judge candidate Kay Tsenin will

join you.

Pacific Bears LMC's beer/soda bust at Daddy's, 1300-1600, \$6, with a 50/50 raffle, beer, boys, bears, beef and more beer to support AIDS charities.

Monday, Oct. 21

Happy birthday to Tony Keevan, Danny Marsh and John Panther at a party at Daddy's, with a \$6 beer bust, raffle, auction and surprise entertainment, 2000-2300

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Golden Gate Guards MC's \$6 beer bust at Daddy's, 2000-2300. Come and hear the "war stories" of their run to Camp Mendocino last week-

Leather Buddies at 933 Harrison. Doors open 2000-2300; party until??? You know the rules: you must wear leather (boots mandatory) and no cologne (you will be sniffed). Questions? Call 979-0242.

Thursday, Oct. 24

Free entertainment at Hamburger Mary's at 1900. Tonight it's Rat Bike III, plus the third annual Rat Bike Contest with cash prizes for best beater

Saturday, Oct. 26

Alameda Leather Corps' "Twisted Cartoons in Hides & Heels" third annual Halloween Ball at 2200 at the Turf Club, with a costume and fantasy contest. Want to enter? Call Den at (510)

Club Universe and Pleasuredome present Freak, a weekend of Halloween mayhem and costume contest, at midnight tonight and tomorrow night.

Sunday, Oct. 27

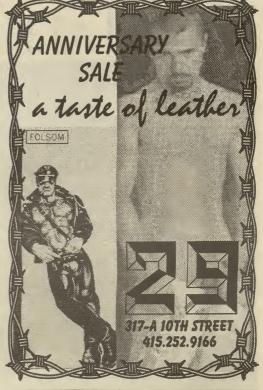
Pegasus MOC's Trick or Treat run, starting at Billy De Frank Center in San Jose at 0930 in the morning, departing at 1000 for a ride through the Santa Cruz Mountains, and winding up with a \$6 barbecue at Greg's Ballroom.

Monday, Oct. 28

"Divas a Trois" benefit concert at 2000 with Sharon McNight, Gail Wilson and Weslia Whitfield at the Plush Room, a benefit for Kay Tsenin. Tix are \$100 for show only; \$250 show and dinner afterward; \$500 for priority seating (dinner with one of the divas at your table). Call 344-0871.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Annual Leather and Feathers costume contest at the SF Eagle, with cash prizes. More details on this one next week.





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RuPaul

wrote all the songs except for one, but in terms of producing the album, I didn't feel very confident, and I let other people control everything. This time I was like, "You know what? That take's not gonna work, let's do it again."

The lyrics on a couple of the songs, like "Falling" and "A Little Bit of Love," seem very serious. Did you intentionally write more personal lyrics this time around?

In a way. I guess [my serious side] does come across in some of the songs, but a lot of the time I won't let it, because show business is a business. There are things that, as an artist, I really should stay away from. I know that there are things that people are willing to buy from me, and there are things that people would probably prefer not to buy from me

I'm sure people would rather not hear me talk about negative or de-pressing things. My image is very pressing things. My image is very "up," very positive and happy, and I'm going to stay with that, because that works for me. For the most part, I fashioned an album that fits my image. But yes, there are some things on this record that are a little deeper than just "Sashay, Shantay," and I'm proud of that.

"Falling" is a very romantic song, and you're a gay man singing it. How do you think middle America will respond to that?



RuPaul strikes a pose

I don't know. It's such a beautiful song, I think everyone will be able to relate to it. But I don't know what people are going to think. I'm interested in seeing what happens. Because it's the only really risky thing I do on the album in terms of my image.

Is being in the spotlight as fabu lous as you imagined it would be?

It is fabulous. But it is also more work than I thought it would be, and it takes a lot more restraint than people think. A lot of times, because, as I say, show business is a business, you have to be quite calculated. You can't always say what you feel. And that's hard, especially if you feel passionately about something.

Can you give us an example?

I know that I have been in a relationship with my boyfriend for three years now, and we want to we were talking about getting married. And a lot of times some people are offended by that.

Well, there's a lot of ignorance out there.

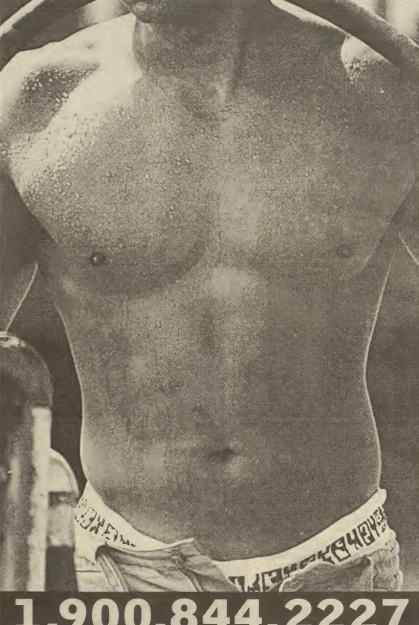
I do feel like I am inviting more people into the party who otherwise would not care to go. And I feel that in small doses, I don't necessarily change people's minds, but I can influence them in a way they wouldn't have been prior to meeting me.

But is there a danger that people who have very little knowledge of homosexuality will see you, a quote-unquote outrageous drag queen, as representative of the gay lifestyle in general?

No, because ... obviously I represent someone who is definitely different. For the most part, what people see in me, beyond my sexuality or political views or anything else, is my personality. As far as me being my personality. As far as me being the only gay person they come in contact with, that's not my prob-lem, that's their problem. If they were smart enough, they would see that their idol at the local cineplex is gay, he just hasn't come out of the closet. If middle America knew about all the celebrities who are gay, it would rock their world. But I can't educate the whole world, I've never said that I represent all gay people. ▼







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PARTING GLANCES

Kaiser Clinic, Mon 10/23 10AM You were entering, I was leaving. Me: BM, striped shirt, black shoulder bag. You: the most gorgeous smile in SF. 22 3001.

John W. The Windmills
Where are you now? You called but didn't
leave your number. Let's rendezvous. J.R.

2 3002.

Black House Sat. -Sun. 6AM 9/21-9/22, We caressed & kissed, passionate but slow, unfinished. Left together 6 AM, hugged outside, then in your car. You live on Fell. Wish I'd given you my number.

3003.

Gough St. Sun 9/1 You: BM, red (?) Acura. Me: WM, red Saturn, w/older friend. We said "hii" & waved. Wanna say "hii" again? Richard. ☑ 3004.

You Missed Van Ness Stop 9/16 noon. I spoke when you sat in front of Your upper arms had peeled; black w/color 2 3005.

Club Seattle 8/29
Pete, your legal friend in North Bend remembers you fondly. Keep in touch. 22

Tom A's Cap W. Horse 9/19 2 years is too long to do without that charm of yours. How about dinner be-tween those "lesson plans"? Then, I wit teach you that spin. Cat in the hat.

23
3007.

Sun 9/15 Cafe Luna Piena 9PM You: dark hair, beard, handsome, caugh you eating w/a friend. Made eye contact seemed interested, stunned to see you. You're looking very good. Let's get to-gether & talk. \$\alpha\$ 3008.

Bus Stop Midnight, Thurs. 9/19
You looked cute waiting for the 24 or 35: You looked cute waiting for the 24 if drove by twice in convertible. By the time I dropped my friend off, you we gone. Why take the bus? 22 3009.

Michigan Sweatshirt
Saturday, 9/14, 6:30P M. You: Michigan
sweatshirt, disarming smile. Me: 6',
brown hair, khaki shorts, denim jacket.
We passed on crosswalk of 17th & Market at Castro. Call me. 22 3010.

The Club 8/20-8/21 The Club 8/20-8/21
You: gdlkng, vato. I danced next to you, couldn't talk. Would love to hook-up & party! Red dog. 22 3011.

Fireman At The Folsom St. Fair
You: wearing Fireman's hat & harness. I stopped to thank-you for what you were wearing. Me: blue jeans, white T-shirt, black boots, sunglasses, brown hair, mustache & goatee Call me! @ 3101.

You answered my ad #2932 on 9/26. You left no understandable phone #. Please try again this ad #. I will call if you want. 22 3102.

At city entertainment, Friday, Sept. 20, 6:30 PM. You: big dick, dark, lean. Me: big dick, Italian. I sucked you off. Great sex. Call me for a repeat. 22 3103.

76 on Market (9/26 4ish)
Darkly hairy, denim clad dreamboat walking east. Van Dyked guy pumping mini van was wishing timing was better for meeting you. Mutual attraction? I think so. Hope you read this & call me.

3104.

Metro/Castro 9/23
Monday at 9:00 AM. We exchanged several long glances. You smiled begutifully before you left. You: tall, dark hair, thin. Me: short, light brown hair, blue eyes.

3105.

Gas Station Los Gato Blvd. 9/22 Me: blue shorts, T-shirt, asks u 4 directions. You: Chrysler 4dr, map book shorts, led me & my friend to turn off. I want to meet you. 23 3106.

Idaho 9/22 Sun Folsom & 5th GWM, Idahoan missed his 11PM, 9/22 Sunday night appointment w/tall gdiking black male. Looked all over fory ou. Did over look? You said, "Twice a night." I'r mirting me over. I'll show you won't be depressed anymore. Richard. 29 3107.

Joel Av- "Cinch" "Intch"
Can't just forget you. Could be our 3rd
try. But respect yr commitment. Can we
talk? Rick G. @ 3108.

Hillsdale Mall Nordstroms
Espresso stand, 8:30, 9/25. You: dark complexion, dark full hair, very handsome. Mes seated at table. You gave obvious gestures, raised eyebrows, smile. I sadly missed opportunity. Let's try again.

32 3110.

Steamworks Sun Afternoon 9/29
You: GWM, buzzed hair, attached, dogs.
Me: 31, GAM, single. Both living in the
city. Made hot, passionate love. Realized
you're "married," but would love for us to
be friends. 22 3112.

Outside Eagle After Folsom St.

Sign Your Petition I'd a Kiss You! 10/2. 6PM, you came to my door, asking me to sign your petition. You've got my number, said your name was Mocha? I'm Brian in 4C. Call me. 2 3114.

Karim Hold on to your American Dread! Le "Cowboy" Jim. 2 3111.

9/21 Eros, David? Safeway Muni You: Mexican & white? I came back but we had no cards. Got on K bus inbound. you said, "You worked lots, & no boyfriend." Really want to meet you again. 22 3115.

Cafe Castro Street Fair 6 PM
Mark of Concord and from Alaska. Sorry
we missed each other in the crowd. I wanted to spend some time w/you. Please call!
Tom of SF from Alaska. I liked your Winnie the Pooh tattoo! 22 3201.

Walnut Crk Hot Latin-Pony Tail DJ's, 7/5. We made eye contact several times. Both of us wfriends. Me: GWM @ end of Dar, Blond/Hz/Ina. Have dreamed about you. Hope you'll call! ☑ 3202.

Chris With Hapsburg Tattoo Met you Castro fair. Loved your red hair & red kilt. Liked walking w/you. Let's do more. Call me, Robert. 22 3203.

Cuban Dancer
Mike, we talked, tried to meet at Phoenix.
I've tried to call, but your number is disconnected. I'm still very interested in
hooking up. If you are too, get in touch.
Dennis.

2 3204.

Dave Powerhouse Aft Folsom St. You: tall, dark short hair, org from At-lanta. Me: bl/bl, wearing harness, sitting by pool table. You went to check out the action, I lost you in the crowd. Would like to meet. Charlie. 2

Hndsme Blk Man; Walter St. 10/5 You: walking Sat. afternoon w/your shirt unbuttoned. I waved & said "Hi," as did you. Wish I'd said more. We met years ago at Sam & Gaetano's. Have admired you since. Call. 22 3206.

Castro Fair Bear In black Reebok tank & shorts. Me: cow-boy w/camera, no shirt. Finally got a photo of you. Could we meet for a drink? 2 3207.

Let's Finish What We Started!
We played in the steam room & showers at the gym midday on Thursday Oct. 3rd.
We both have goatees—It was hot! Call me. 22 3208.

Seeking Relationship
I saw you at the Folsom Fair. You were in a wheelchair not in leather at all. You seemed to be tall like me, very good looking, came my way, but I turned away, I was in full leather, tall w/a yellow strip on my Chaps. Call me if you are the one.
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3209.

Badlands 10/2 5PM Latin Guy you: a cute, short, Mexican/Latin guy, had a dark coat, backpack & a garment bag. You sat in the front window, put your garment bag into your backpack. Me: tall, dark hair, brown shirt & Jeans. Would like to meet you. Call. 22 3210.

Pasta Pomodoro/Castro St. Fair You said I looked sad, I said I was in my own world. Wished my friends stayed so could have talked w/you. I introduced my self & left. Wish I had your #. Second chance? 23 3211.

Pozole's After The Castro Fair Our tables were adjacent. You: dark cap, sleeveless shirt. Me: short blonde hair, T-shirt & jeans. My friend broke a candle. We smiled at each other. Can we talk? 22 3212.

Mid Sept. Musc BM Church/Mrkt You: musc, BM, at Church & Mrkt, head ed for coffee w/white female friend. Waived & smiled at me. Me: musc, BM. Let's have coffee. 22 3213.

Looking For Allan, A Redhead Who lived on 14th Guerrero, 10-12 year ago. Saw you recently in the Mission (you didn't see me) & want to re-connect. 22 3242.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Need A Big Brother?
GWM, 35, 5'8", 155#, new to SF, gdlkng ISO younger brother cute, w/med to slightly chubby build, very smooth w/BB. Muscles & size unimportant. Bottoms & straight acting only.

3012.

Wanted: Total Man GWM, 36, 6, 170#, short hair/beard. Professional, educated, upbeat, outgoing, masculine, adventurous, hairy, sensual. Love outdoors, workouts, travel, life. Seeking a total man to share/build a life together.

3013.

Spaniard Loves Mexicans
From Spain, 32, 510°, 150#, HIV-,
uncut, very handsome, slim, well build, affectionate, verstille, llove Mexican-Native American type: stocky, short, solid,
dark. I offer friendship & passion.

3014.

Floridian Seeks Friends In Bay Area. Prof, wants to relocate in 97 w/2 Manx cats. Loves outdoors, biking, have fetish for nylon/lycra tights, love ballet/dance. 2 3015.

Cool Man With Great Ass
Attractive, hot, masculine, muscular
GWM, 5'6", 170#, bottom, gym going,
great shape, 52 yo, seeks similar younger
top, 25-40, for fuck buddy, HIV- NS/ND,
not into gay scene. 22 3016.

I'm Special Are You?
I'm a GWM, HIV-, looking for a real man
w/lots of LTC w/feelings who is not conceded about self. SF area please.
3124.

Have A Foot Or Leg Injury? Are you in a cast, brace, bandages

Buffed GBM 4 Quality GWM Muscled, masculine, attractive & intelligent, intensely spirited African-American professional seeks handsome, mainstream socially confident, mature, witty, "gymtoned" Euro-American Hunk...for sex, laughs, friendship...maybe more!!! 22 3017.

Quality Seeks Quality

Quality Seeks Quality

Turnus, inquis Seeking a man who is intelligent, compa sionate, caring, witty, adventurous, inqu itive. AM, 6', 175#, black hair, ice blue eyes, handsome. Race unimportant.

Kissing, Touching & Cuddling GAM, 29, 6′, 195#, HIV-, loves music, dining, walks & cartoons, seeks monogamous GWM/GJM, 30-50 yrs, HIV-, gentle top, not into bar scenes for possible LTR. NS/ND.

3019.

Looking For A Stable Good Man Me: BM, 5'11", 160#, HIV+, asym-tomatic. Handsome & cuddly. You: WM, 30-45. Won't be sorry. ☑ 3020.

HIV+ WM Looking For HIV+ BM Working college student looking for one who doesn't frequent the clubs & is look-ing for companionship. Energetic, likes to jog. Honest.

2 3021.

Let's Get Together GAM, 40's, ISO GWM career oriented, intelligent & easy going. For friendship & other possibilities. 2 3022.

Mountain Biking GWM, 36, masc & hairy looking for simi-larly active guys for outdoor work-out. I'm into mtn biking, camping & skiing & would like to share passion w/another.

3023.

Sweet! Monogamous
GWM, 36 yrs, blond, blue eyes, 165#, inshape, 6', HIV+, healthy. Like outdoors,
biking, hiking, swimming, movies. Seeking
men, 30-40, in shape, HIV+, outgoing,
body hair, sensitive & compassionate.
22
3024.

Seeking Blue Collar Muscle GWM, attractive yng forties, trim, br/blu, 5'7", 140#; you: muscular, independent, "nice guy" type. Looks not important, but kissing is.... № 3025.

East Bay HIV+ Top Wanted
Needs dark hair, brown eyes, mustache,
HIV+, GWM, 34, blond, blue, 6′, 180#,
handsome, bottom in Pittsburgh area
needs boyfriend. LTR w/Capricorn or
Virgo. № 3026.

Black Guy, Dreds, Beard, 40 HIV-, 6',1'', celibate. I'm into wild & natural things. I live in a small cabin in the mountains of northern California. I'm a vegetarian. I love all kinds of music & am very spiritual. I'm looking for friends. ND/NS/NA. № 3027.

Tall Tan And Handsome & HIV+ GWM, 6'1", 170#, 27, & cute boy next door, vers to bottom. Likes movies, bridge, & a lot of laughing, You be tall, masculine, professional, ND/NS & sincere.

Tomcat Seeks Tiger Or equivalent. GWM, 38, bm/gm, 185#, attractive, dangerously intelligent. Seek-ing husband—a sharp, hairy, gentleman, mustached or bearded. Intelligence impor-tant. No preconceptions, let's meet & see. ☑ 3029.

Submissive Boy Wanted
You must be GWM, young, hung, gdlkng
& eager to please & obey a masculine,
gdlkng man you can look up to & respect
& trust. 22 3030.

Seeking Passionate GLM
For fun, friendship, & possible LTR> Me:
GWM, 33, 5'10", 168#, br/br, caring,
sensitive & down to earth. Let's dance
under the moonlight.

3117.

Wanted: North Bay GWM GWM, 20, 5'8", 185#, blond/blue, seeks friends first, but wants relationship. You: 24-31, medium build, NS/ND. Light drink OK. ☑ 3118.

Would You Mind If I'm Asian GAM, 26 yo, 5'7", 140 #, attractive, easy-going, honest, sincere & fun to be with. Seeking WM, 26-37, for friendshi poss. LTR. Let's meet. You never know what's going to happen. 22 3119.

Your Well-Sucked Dick Shoots spurt after spurt of thick white cream, good to last drop. If you'll unload a real mouthful, call me. 23 3120.

Muscular GAM Wants Lover 29, 5'6", 140#, 28"W, handsome, intelligent, kind, hot body, bubblebut to bottom, in Santa Clara, seeks GWM, 25-35, slim, muscular, top, hung +, HIV- to love & share meaningful life together.

3122.

Welcome Shoppers (18-22)
One time sale on young 18-40
writerParist, 57°, 178* BM. Into all
music, movies, having the time of my liftler
wone WL_HR GM for friendship or poss
ble relationship. Me & you: cute, smart,
funny & HIV. NS, light drinker. Bring
your coupons (18-22). 22 3123.

Need A New Boyfriend? WM, 52, (looks 30's) \$11', 155, clean shaven, NS/NO, HIV. looking for AM, 25-35, short, slim, for LTR monogamous, Like 60's-80's, music, theater, dining, travel, scuba, photography, movies, danc-ing, cats. Affectionate, loyal, marriage-minded. 20' 310's

Seeking Relationship
You: Harley Biker, black bike, lots of leather & looks hot. Me: full leather, Mr. Biker look. Lall, galking, HIV-, independent, 280 %, blue eyes, white hair, top (but I can swing both ways). I like fantasy trips call me & let's talk. 2 3217.

GBM 6'2", 185#, Very Attractive Seeks GBM Same age or older for for Seeks GBM Same age or older for fun time, a caring, lovable guy. Friend Poss. lover-serious only. 22 3126.

South Bay GWM
New to the Bay Area. 5'8", 145#, healthy, HIV- sincere 35. Seeking GHM, 25-35, slim, masculine for relationship.

Italian Bottom SF, HIV- seeks GWM, middle Eastern or Latino Top. Safe sex. Be 35-60. HIV-. I'm 48, 5'6", 170#, nice build. Very cute.

3128.

Taurus Man Wanted For fun, romance, pleasure. UR: hirsute, affectionate, masculine, erotic, 30-45. I'm creative, sensitive, humorous, 30 yr old Cancer, open to LTR.

3129.

GBM Seeks Blue Eyed Devil
Extremely gdlking, well built, 6'1", city
boy. Don't mean to be conceited, but I
have a great job, personality & education.
You are HIV-, 21-35, over 5'9", in shape
WM.

3130.

WM. 12 3150.

Bodybuilder Bondage Bottom

Mants to meet experienced bondage Maswants to meet experienced bondage ter for on going explorations & devel relationship. 22 3131.

Handsome Muscular Italian GWM, 38, 6'2", 185#, into fitness, el, romance & quiet times, seeks anot HIV-, extremely well hung man for monogamous relationship. 23 3132.

Suicide Blonde 25
Attractive guy, platinum hair, olive skin, brown eyes, 5'9", 165#, Latin/Italian, University student. Seeking Latins or Caucasians, 21-35, for friendship first maybe LTR. 2 3133.

Looking For A Rough Fuck
I'm cute, friendly, passionate & blacl
I'm looking for white guys to take m
"out" and "buy" me things. You mu
sincere & a "rough" fuck. 23 3167.

Some Tried But They Weren't You Gdlkng sincere, Asian, Mid 40's, 5'9", 150#, HIV+, very good health. Seeking mid-life soulnate w/passion & compassion. You: GW/L, well built over 5'9", a gentle friend be mine until the time's end. S 3214.

Professional GWM Seeks GBM GWM, 38, 6'1", 200#, dark hair/eyes, NS/ND, seeks GBM wanting a stable relationship. Be clean cut, masculine, NS/ND. Muscular a +. Be ht/wt proportionate. 22 3215.

GAM Seeks GWM
For friendship, possibly more! I'm 19, gdlkng, romantic, ready for dating agail You: 18-30, NS/ND, HIV-. Let's get together & see what happens! 22 3216.

Lonely Asian Sking Bottom Man I'm top, Asian. I'm healthy & looking for sincere, warm, honest, like a father type of person. Age over 50 years old. 22 3218.

River Phoenix Incarnation
Seeks gentleman for romantic rendezvous
& political brothership. 22 yo model, Buddhist dreamer. 2 3219.

Black Man 40, HIV-, 6'1" Dreds, beard looking for companion &/or friend. I'm into walks, cooking, music, hiking, camping. I'm not looking for a sebuddy. I'm celibate, vegetarian & into var lous spiritual practices. ND/NS/ND I'm a musician music teacher & masseur. I live in the mountains of Mendocina County.

If You Treat Me Nice
I'll treat you better. 36 yr, Filipino seeking GWM, 35-45, for travel, dining, theater & more. Beard/mustache or goatee,
Giants, 49ers A+. 22 3221.

GWMP Seeks Similar GWM Yng 52, 5'8", 145#. You are 35+, affectionate, w/feet firmly on the ground. Prefer versatile top. Alameda A+. 😰 3222.

third for romance, maybe more. Tw heat, twice the attention. 2 3223.

Platonic Gdlkng Slim Retired
Guy, Mustache, crewcut, hip, 5'9", 150#,
HIV-, seeks similar guy. Non-sexual. Interests: music, opera, politics, science,
etc. smoke, bars OK. Restaurants No! SF.

3224.

LESBIAN

Oral For Sensuous Sisters Married, prof, 40's guy, attr, good shape, physically, mentally, wants to orally satisfy open-minded women. Age, race, unimportant. Relax, you set pace for slow, sensitive pleasuring. 22 3064.

SEEKING ADVENTURE

Young Sexy Raunch Stud sexy, like to get serviced & willing to get very raunchy. WS etc. Call for details. 23331.

Early Morning Hard-On? I want to suck off your hot load for early breakfast. 4:30-6AM weekdays. 6'2", 185#, 36, handsome, GWM, HIV-. You: in shape, sexy, no reciprocation, just unzip, enjoy, explode.

3136.

Smooth Hungry Black Butt
Masc, GBM, 42, looks younger, HIV+,
5'9', 135#, wants hot aggressive tops,
20-45, for cocksucking, rimming & fucking. Must like fucking, slender, blk, super
tight butt. You can fuck it any way you
like. Serious only. 29 3225.

Creamy Tasting
Let this hot mouth milk your balls & cock
to a fantastic climax. You disease & drug
free. Prefer SF area. Stop in—drop 'em,
sped 'em—enjoy. Call today. 23 3032.

Al Marathon Service Smooth, handsome, cleancut, expert cock-sucker, early 30's GBM seeks masculine, clean, super hung horse meat GWM Dad type, 40-50 yrs for 1-1, once a month marathon party service sessions. No recip-rocation pls. 22 3033.

Bare & Present Your Ass
For the leather strap or green switch. Mature educator will give you the red marks you deserve. You: GWM, HIV-, masc, to 45, brains, hung, hairy all ++++. Peninsula loc. ideal. 29 3034.

2 Hot White Bottoms Wanted By 52 yr old white male, 6′, 155#, drk brn hair, 9′ dick, brn eyes, glasses. Want to fuck your hot butts. Be under 40, smooth bodied.

3035.

History Twice 5'10", 186#, W/L/AM only, Like a virgin, hot & horny, & love it long & hard. By young hot males. To please this hot mix breed, Please be for real & respond to box #.

3036.

Hot Piece Of Ass Wanted
Dominant, muscular, fuck stud, 35 yrs, 185#, 6'1", seeks boys/men, 18-38, wivery tight, muscular, non-fat butts who love an 8" dick up their ass.

3037.

Wanna Wrestle?
Musc, dominant wrestler, big pecs, 39, 5'8", 170#, brn/blu seeks musc, masc, victim/opponent into pro bout, leather, heavy pec work, restraints & oral service

3038.

Hayward Man Masculine, versatile, nice looking, light BM, 62". 155#, 45, humorous seeks Asian, Latin, Black buddy for fun times. I'm healthy, clean & professional. ♀ 3039.

Hot Asian Bottom Seeks W Tops Between 9-3 weekdays. Me: 40's, looks 30's, tall, & gym toned. You: under 45, good shape, & hot. Buffed A+. 😂 3040

Attn: E. Bay, Tall, Slender Tops
Cauc, HIV., 40-50, WM, 6'2", 185#,
br/bl, masculine, muscular, firm B/B, 40,
HIV., excellent deep throat, seeks safe
passionate sessions. No booze, drugs
please. 22 3041.

Hairy Dad Loves To Suck Cock In shape, masculine bear will suck you dry. Me: 50, 6', 165#, big cock, beard sexy. You: under 40, masculine, in sha & well hung. Hairy & cocksucker A+. 3042.

Want A Massage? Youthful GWM, 52, slim, runner, cyclist will give in shape A/B/W males fantastic unique massage. Your place in SF. Try me. № 3043.

Health Conscious Young Men Professional, full-body Swedish massage Professional, full-body Swedish massage free to nicely built young men. Nurturing stress relief. I'm 6'2", 175#, 44, gdlkng, masculine, sincere; table. 23 3044.

Hey, Daddy-0! Fuck-A-Slut With cute ass, big cock. I seek an older man to treat me like the slut I am. Verbal abuse, yet no pain. WM, 43, 185#, 6'2".

Young, Xtra Hung GHM Total Top ISO cute, smooth, young, submissive. We're both exassorated with the state of ISO cute, smooth, young, submissive.
We're both exasperated with quickies,
wannabees, and bores. We're both passionate beyond comparison, unfulfilled by
ordinary mortals. We're both tireless love
makers. Change your life. Call. 122 3046.

Fuck Buddy Wanted
By 47 yo, SF WM. I am basically bottom
& suitably submissive. All races welcome
for an engaging time. 22 3047.

Got Bull Balls
Bi Latino, solid, 37, uncut, orally worships huge (pumped?) nuts. JO while I'm buried in, playing w/you bears w/bellies, thick/sweet dicks w/extra foreskin A+.
3048.

Hot Alaskan Bear
Moving to SF Nov. 1. Likes to fuck. Loves
to suck. The hairier the better. The nastier
the better.

3049.

A Gentle Top Under My Sheets... 43, 6′, 165#, S/P, hot to serve dominant handsome guy. I'm gdlkng, masculine, versatile, hairy chest, ass. UB: 30-50, in shape w/cock designed for worship.

3134.

Oversexed Cocksucker ISO mature, blue collar W/H, uncut, big low hangers, shaved crotch for LTR. HIV-like myself; titwork a plus. 22 3135.

Submissive Versatile Oral Bottom Attrac, "Daddy" buzz, clean cut, mustache, trim body, 5'9", 150#, 29"w, hairy chest, deep throat, hot but to serve attrac, masculine men in good shape. No reciprocation necessary.

3137.

Need A Fuck Buddy
Hot, hung, handsome, HIV-, clean
cut/shaven, versatile, oral, young 41,
6'1", 180#, seeks 35-45 muscle tits,
mooth, any race types, singles or cour
for safe, sweaty sessions.

3138.

Hot Bottom Wants Your Dick Let me suck on your love tool (best in town), then you fuck me. 50ish, 5'8'', cute ass, great technique. You're taller, well endowed, NS, 35-55. Let's talk. 3139

E. B. Top Wanted
Black/White/Latin. GWM, 6', HIV-,
160#, needs suck/fuck/porn session. Let
me get your load out. 23 3140.

Asian Needs Playmate 35, 5'7", 130#, cln cut. Looking for in shape, GWM, under 40 for J0+. Tell me your fantasies. 2 3141.

Horny Redhead Seeks Same I'm 39, 5'10", 170#, gdlkng & hung. Looking for another hung redhead for fun. 2 3142:

Eight Inches Long, 7" Around 36 yo, smooth bodybuilder not into sucking looking for long lasting cock suckers, assholes into meat my size. Will chap all lips. Tight butts, fit, HIV-, safe only. Heavy assplay A++++. 22 3143.

Handsome Hairy Italian GWM, 40's, 6', 185#, br/br, hung, top. Have LTR, need sexual outlet w/similar GWM. Btm/versatile. Hairy A+. SF only. 3144.

Worship My Hot Crotch
Masculine, hairy bear wants to offer up
his butch spread for insatiable oral expert
Healthy, HIV-, verbal dominant little stud
wants hungry buddy for long intense service.

3145.

I Wanna Suck Your Ass... Looking for well-built, hot studs who want their butts eaten out to perfection by an Italian stud, MST, 43, 67, 190#, rugged build. Call now.

3146.

Muscle Chow Down
Seeking muscle buddy into sucking, hard
chest play, J0. Yo: attractive, 25 yo
w/hard muscle body. Me: very hot body
builder w/ big pecs, great body, face &
dick. \$\mathbf{Q}\$ 3147.

Dominant Top WM 6'2", 210#, seeks cute bottom guys to experiment & try new fantasies with. I'm safe & want you to tell me all. Fats & fems 0K. Asians A+. 12 3148.

Wanted In Shape Top Attractive GWM, 5'10", 170#, 35, br/gr, In shape, muscular bottom seeks attrac-tive, in shape, hung, masculine top be-tween 25-40 for fun safe sex.

\$\mathbb{Q}\$ 3150.

Just Shut-Up & Ride
30, WM, 5'10", 195#, blond/blue, clean
cute, muscle guy wants riders— Rough/
tough guys A+. RU man enough?
3151.

Hard Slam "Buttfucker Wanted" I'm young, sexy, sincere & educated & I'm looking for white guys to take me out shopping & to rape my virginal hole. Sincere only!! 23166.

It's A BJ...Not World Peace For you guys who know that already, cum klck back & enjoy comprehensive oral re-lief from: (Wh/bottomless throat 6', 170¢ 6.5"+/S/P beard, 40's, big grin, big heart, fairly big brain. Nice fella too. Arrive full; leave empty. 22 3168.

Want Dirty Talking JO Buddy Strictly JO, DT, CB, worshipping wh strictly J0, DT, CB, worshipping while partying late evenings-your place. Masculine guy desires same, Age, size, race, unimportant. Desire to worship cock & talk nasty is important. No shaved body parts, videos, mirrors, other distractions.

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Write the rest of your ad here, 30 wor

Big Dick, Versatile, Lasting GWM, 35, 5'11", handsome, normal, out of shape but a slim 157#, wants similar well hung vers or couple for long fuck sessions. 35-50 preferred.

2 3226.

Pretty Young Thing Androgynous GWM, 33, 6', 155#, bl/bl, 6", smooth, seeks warms, gentle greater than or equal to 6" boisterous top for fun Likes kissing, plowing, JO, being close. Clean only. HIV+ \$ 3227.

Expert Cocksucker
Senior GWM, 5'7", 130#, begs to worship masc, verbal topman, over 40, wgt. proportion. Cauc or Asian. 2 3228.

Mature, Masc, & Healthy HIV+ With a fertile mind that could be your sexual playground needs hot sex and/or companionship.

23229.

Love Going Down On It & More
Oversexed w/male HIV-, 57, will take
good care of slim built males, couples, ?55, hung Ig. or sm. HIV-. Like being
videoed or photo when doing it.

2 3230. Tongue Wanted
GWM, 36, needs hairy butt & nuts licked.
Prefer GWM, 20's-30's, for great mutual
oral fun, attractive, ordinary guy awaits
your call. 23 3231.

Are You Fit To Be Tied? Hot, GWM, 43, 6', 170#, in shape top ISO Asian guys who like to be tied up, spanked & force-fed. HIV+ OK. 22 3232.

Hot Nasty Hole ISO Dildo Work Attractive, submissive dildo bottom exhibitionist, seeks nasty, dominant tops. Like dirty talk, slings, mirrors, possibly video. Call me & let's meet & get real nasty. Enthusiasm is most important. 22 3233.

Kick Back! GWM, 5'10", 160#, br/br, cln shaven, fun, friendly, lut o suck cock & balls. SK. Masc, trim, GWM, GAM, 18-40. Couples OK. Reg service possible. ☎ 3235.

Big Dick HIV+ GWM Top Wanted Healthy HIV+ GBM, bottom, 37, 170#, 5'11", seeks GWM top w/a rock hard dick. Give it to me. \$ 3236.

Condom Fucking
Tall, slender, attractive top, 35, brown hair, tailored beard, blue-green eyes. Nice dick seeks attractive, in shape, guy to help me adjust to fucking w/a condom.

3237. Afternoon Sex Buddy

Into extended periods of ass-massage, ex otic spanking & love to screw. Me: attrac GWM 46, 6'5", 250#, husky build. You attrac, GWM, 18-35, slim, smooth/mod-erate body hair & nice buns. 22 3238.

Experienced Massage Partner Wanted by professionally trained masseur 38, 5'11", attractive, great body, creative hands. Let's exchange wonderful massage w/expert hands. You: handsome, 18-45, well-trained, ready to share sensuous energy. 22 3239.

Hot 29 YO Latino Looking Hot

Guys, love 3 ways, Redwood City area. Exchanged massage. Please call me. 23243. Top Fist Expert HIV+ Healthy
For your pleasure talented fingers & fist,
sling, full beard, furry chest, 7X6 cut.
You: clean, hungry butt, eager to please
long daytime sessions. Bring your Crisco.

2 3244.

Granddaddy Seeks Grandson 18-30 who prefers company of an older early 70's man both in & out of bed for lots of loving & sexual times. Gay or bi-curious. 22 3245.

Let's Wrestle
Muscular, handsome GWM seeks others
turned on by wrestling. Open to all skill le
els & fantasies. No heavy rough housing.
Just good, clean, sweaty fun. Go ahead &
call—you won't be disappointed.
22 3246

Butch Muscular Tops:
Wanted by masculine, muscular, 6',
190#, 29 yr., brown hair/eyes, GWM bottom. I'm HIV+, asymbomatic & looking
for muscular, hung GBM or GWM tops
for hot times. HIV- is OK.

22 3247.

FETISHES

Cheese Logs Wanted
Thirsty man w/hungry mouth services uncut men. 2 3050.

Voyeurs Only!
Asian muscle jock wants you to watch as he creams his meat in public/semi-public Imaginative locations appreciated.

Perverse Videos? San Mateo
I'll watch your perverse videos (scat, ani-mals, anything extreme) you play w/my ass, cock. Older persons. Bonus if couple, TV. Me: 36, handsome, trim, healthy.

Can't Find Domination You Need? Try sharing your fantasies, my fantasies, our fantasies. If you have a wide range of interests & enjoy playing for hours on end. Reply now.

3054.

Corporal Punishment Meted Out
To deserving individuals. Training to serve
& suffer for the pleasure/entertainment of
another. Only those in need of serious
training & abuse need apply. Subject
should be in good shape, 18-38, no fantasy trips/first timers.

3055.

Feet And More... Gdlkng Hispanic, 30, 5'11", 190#, dark skin, brown eyes, black hair, HIV-, seek-ing Latins or Whites, 21-30, NS/ND, for foot fetish.

2 3056.

Nipples
I must play wy'our nipples. Let me make them sing w/joy! Attractive So. Bay dude, white, 40°s, 5°10°, 170#, will worship your nipples weekday mornings. Reciprocal great, but not absolutely necessary. El Camino near the Lawrence.

3057.

Tobacco Users
GM, 40, moderately hairy. Looking for other tobacco users: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing for mutual kissing & oral pleasure. Not into SM, leather. All types & ages welcome. ♀ 3058.

Bodybuilder Needs Owner! Bodybuilder Needs Uwner! Huge, blond, submissive bodybuilder bot-tom, 28/6'3", 238#/52C/34W/19A w/small 5" cock between massive thighs, looking for horse hung master. Intense cocksize humiliation a must. Race unim-portant. Will relocate for right owner. This is not a fantasy—it's real...

3059.

Daytime Asshole Eater
"Get your asshole eaten by a pro."

3152. Man W/Toe ring Loves Barefeet

Man W/ foe ring Loves Barefeet Lifelong excitement looking at & fantasiz-ing about men's barefeet. Gdlking East Bay GWM, 5'9", trim, tan, HIV-, loves reciprocal kissing, licking, massaging barefeet & sensual/safe all over body play.

Stud In Stockings 6'2", 195#, athletic, toned body. Beauti ful legs & feet. Wants to hook up w/nice HIV- BM who appreciates heels/garter belt on a masc. WM. 22 3154.

Hungry Horny Insatiable Asshole
Very good, 20 yrs experience, deep wide
(elbow, 2 hands), to fast hard & piston
plipout punch. Daddy bottom, autr. 50;s,
5′11″, 165#, short S&P beard & hair,
tatts, TT, amazing deep throat, FF & DT.

3155.

Safe Scat Scenes...
Masculine WM, 34 looking to hear from other men to explore scat action & share scat fantasies. 22 3156.

Gdlkng, 34yo, seeks attractive, in shape, WM dog-slave, 30-45, capable of taking verbal abuse & physical torture. Intense training for candidate w/right attitude. Experience preferred. Call to apply. 23157 Asian Boy Master

Assume The Position Pledge master/coach gives preview of Frat initiation. Position 1. Bare butt up for paddle. Position 2. On knees hungry mouth open. 23 3158.

Is Yours Unique?

If it is bent, crooked, unusually small, large, fat, etc., I'm a sensitive, in shape, professional, early 50's, HIV-, GWM w/whom you can safely explore & satisfy your desires & needs.

3159.

Quality Slave Boy Wanted By responsible, attrac, 40's, in shape Master. Boy should be handsome, in shape, intelligent, employed, 25-40, short, submissive & masochistic. You will be my prize properly: chained, whipped & cared for. ☎ 3160.

Small Dick?
Easy going, sincere, 45 yo top guy wants to play wyounger small hung guys 4" or less. Don't be shy or embarrassed. I'm serious, hope you are too.

2 3248.

Manhole Wanted
Does it protrude, w/lots of lip on it. You:
in shape, 18-40. Let my hot tongue work
it good. I'm very handsome, 40, 5'11",
160#. 22 3249.

Sir, Your New Slave Is Waiting
For you to teach me more about SM & BD
& about serving you. I'm 37 yo, 5'11",
167#, ygm-toned body, You" 45 yo or
younger, live in SF. 122 3250.

Spanking Fun
Gdikng male, 30, 5'6", smooth, athletic, bubble butt, seeking other young (under 40) attractive guys into spanking. Your ass or mine. But if it's mine I like a heavy spanking. 22 3251.

COUPLES

Hot Couple Sks Versatile Guys bouking couple, aggressive top. Receptive bttm, seeks guy(s) into butt/tit play, toys sucking/fucking who are hung & like to play. 22 3161.

SM/BD Master/Latin Fuck Slave SM/bondage master/Latin Fuck Slave SM/bondage master, 43, hung, w/Latin fuck slave, 31, looking for other tops w/slaves in training or versatiles for some on-going fucking use & abuse sessions. Only those seriously interested need apply. 23 3252.

OTHER

Naked Boys Will Cry & Suffer British former headmaster punishes naughty, wicked boys & girls. Is strict but fair, respectable & discreet. 2 3061.

Life Is Like A Cabaret!!! GWM mature gentle soul late 40's, smok er, HIV-, social character looking for younger GWM who enjoy social outings w/older men. 22 3062.

Let's Suck Trump! Two trick turning, grand slamming boys seek partners for rubber winni four-play. Couples A+. 2 3063.

Wrestling
6', 185#, handsome, muscular guy seeks friendly rival musculars for manly sport. Clean technique. Fun, nobody gets hurt workouts. Mat with mirror. Nude, Tom of Finland style.

2 3162.

Teach Me, Train Me, Play W/ Me Seeking guys in Fremont East Bay to work out with. I'm 27, GBM, dancer per-former wanting to go pro. Muscular or personal trainers cool. I give generously to my teachers.

3163.

Guys Who Like Sex Together
Seek bi/lesbian female for sexually experimental threesome. We're kind & gentle
and make good friends, Your boundaries
respected. Our place is safe.

3164.

Whip Master Emeritas
Sound & thorough floggings given to
naughtily wicked persons by affable former headmaster.

3165.

Tip Top TS Needs A Sucker! Smooth top TS who handles bottoms well. 32, clean & pretty. You: clean, gay or straight & in need of my 9X5 hole puncher. Lick-a-dee-split! ☑ 3253.

You Ought To Be In Pictures
Frisky show-offs, 18-28, wanted for nude,
semi-nude photos. 60's style beelcake
w/posing pouches, athletic gear, etc. For
fun, not profit. Amateurs preferred. Let's
talk. 3255. The Sexiest Guy In Town
Even the sexiest guy in town Is not worth
risking your life over. Be safe! SAFE

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Art Desuyo and Greg Watanabe in Patrick Lee's Hong Kong Memories

Love among the ruins

Patrick Lee's 'Hong Kong Memories'

by Jerry Metzker

ong Kong doesn't seem like a very nice place. At least that's the impression given of the city in Patrick Lee's fascinating new play Hong Kong Memories, currently playing at the Noh Space. Based on his own experiences there, Lee, who now lives in SF, sees Hong Kong as a place of crooked business deals, human rights violations, broken love, and myriad other unflattering things.

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Into the middle of this unpleasant setting, Lee drops young
Joe Wang (Art Desuyo), an idealistic Chinese-American lawyer,
who, shortly after arriving in
Hong Kong, befriends Richard
and Wendy Pang, the children of
a tough garment factory owner.
Nothing is the same from that Nothing is the same from that point on.

Where Wendy is psychologically frail, reliant on fantasies to cope, Richard is a tough real-estate developer who makes it his personal goal to make a million dollars before age 30. As fate would have it, Joe and Richard fall

If living in Hong Kong is not easy for the playwright's characters, neither is love. Throughout the play, Wendy pines for her brother's boyfriend; Joe and Richard struggle with their personal and business relationship; and Richard's boss Wilson does

nothing but fight with his young American gigolo, Nike. Even Mrs. Pang, Richard and Wendy's moth-er, has a rather complicated romantic history.

It all makes for compelling drama. Lee creates enchanting characters whose inner and outer struggles are thoroughly believ-able. The manic pace of cellular phones, pagers, quick weekend trips, and secret deals is juxta-posed with the beauty of moonlit nights and romantic dinners for two. Out of these starkly contrasting elements emerges a picture of understanding and reconciliation set against the maddening pace of modern life.

modern life.

The alternating rhythms of the play are expertly controlled by director Michael Sullivan, best known around town for his acting prowess with the SF Mime Troupe. With Hong Kong Memories, however, Sullivan proves his skill as a director, as he culls from his cast spirited and human performances that drive this play forward.

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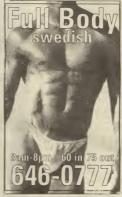
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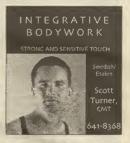
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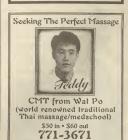
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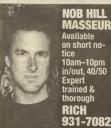


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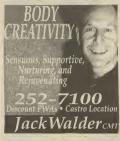
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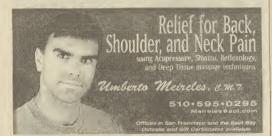


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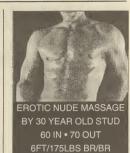
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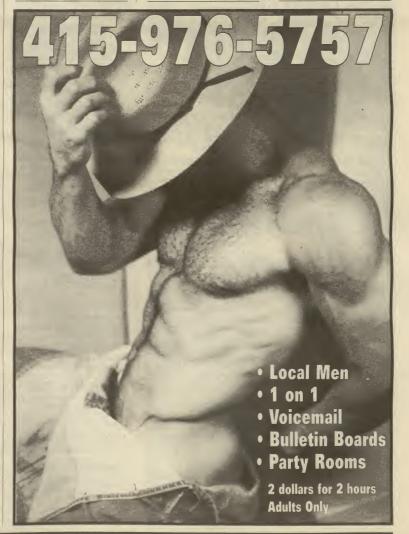
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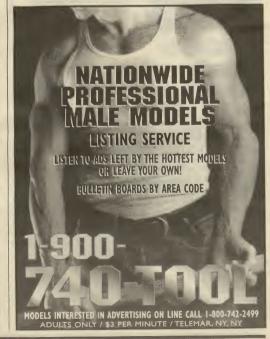
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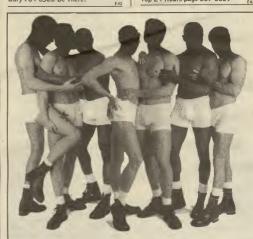
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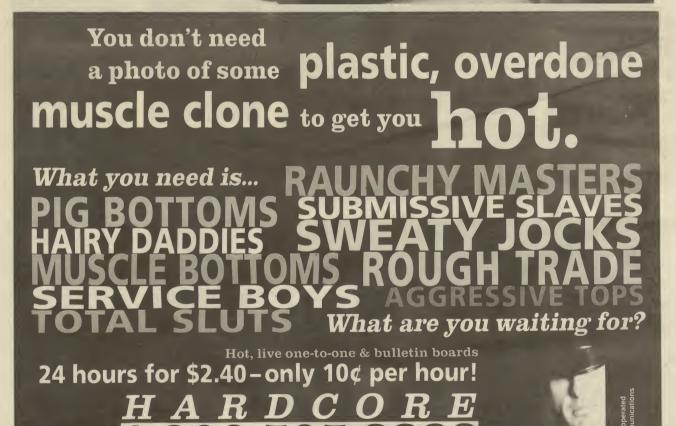
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